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SC grants bail, Kejriwal walks free

Bench reinforces conditions from July 12 order granting bail in a related money laundering case; Justice Bhuyan writes separate opinion, questioning the timing and necessity of arrest, asking the CBI to dispel the notion of being a caged parrot

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday ordered Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal to be released on regular bail in a case registered by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) in relation to the now-scrapped excise policy.

Justices Surya Kant and Ujjal Bhuyan concurred to grant bail to Mr. Kejriwal but differed on the point of the legality of his arrest.

Justice Kant barred Mr. Kejriwal from visiting the office of the Chief Minister and the Delhi Secretariat or signing official files unless it was required and necessary for obtaining clearance/approval of the Lieutenant Governor of Delhi. These conditions were adopted from the July 12 order of the apex court granting the Chief Minister bail in a connected money laundering case investigated by the Directorate of Enforcement (ED).

Big win: Arvind Kejriwal being welcomed by Aam Aadmi Party workers and supporters after coming out of Tihar jail on bail, on Friday. SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

Justice Bhuyan said he had "serious reservations" about the two bail conditions but refrained from delving further into them as they were part of the July 12 order in a different case heard by a coordinate Bench of the apex court. His restraint would mean the two bail conditions would now be effective.

The verdict was based on petitions filed by Mr. Kejriwal, seeking bail and the quashing of his arrest by the CBI on June 26. Later in the day, he stepped out of Tihar jail to a resounding welcome by AAP leaders and supporters.

While Justice Kant said the CBI arrest warranted no interference as it did not suffer from any "procedural infirmity", Justice Bhuyan chose to write a separate opinion questioning both its timing and necessity without mincing words. He questioned the urgency shown by the CBI to arrest Mr. Kejriwal 22 months after the registration of the First Information Report in the case.

Noting that the power of arrest must be used sparingly and is not a ruse for harassment, Justice Bhuyan urged the CBI to be above board in its actions like "Caesar's wife" and give the public the perception of an "uncaged parrot".

"In a functional democracy governed by the rule of law, perception matters. Like Caesar's wife, an investigating agency must be above board. Not so long ago, the Supreme Court had castigated the CBI for being a caged parrot. It is imperative that CBI dispel this notion. Rather, the perception should be that of an uncaged parrot," Justice Bhuyan wrote.

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BENGALURU
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Adani denies link as Swiss court freezes $311 mn of 'proxy'

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Swiss authorities have frozen $311 million (₹2,610 crore) held by a Taiwanese resident in multiple Swiss bank accounts as part of a money laundering probe, suspecting he may be a frontman from the Adani Group – a charge the conglomerate vehemently denied saying it was neither involved in any Swiss court proceedings nor were any of its accounts subject to sequestration.

The U.S.-based short-seller Hindenburg Research, in a post on X, cited a Swiss media outlet report to state that "Swiss authorities have frozen more than $310 million in funds across multiple Swiss bank accounts as part of a money laundering and securities forgery investigation into Adani, dating back as early as 2021".

Swiss investigators suspected that Chang Chung-Ling was a mere front for Adani Group.

"Prosecutors detailed how an Adani frontman invested in opaque BVI/Mauritius & Bermuda funds that almost exclusively owned Adani stocks," it said citing the report.

The Adani Group rejected the allegations as baseless, saying it had no involvement in any Swiss court proceedings.

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Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, The Hindu Group Chairperson Nirmala Lakshman and *businessline* Editor Raghuvir Srinivasan with the winners of *The Hindu businessline* Changemaker Awards in New Delhi on Friday. R.V. MOORTHY (REPORT ON PAGE 13)

All allegations are false, they are motivated, says SEBI chief

Lalatendu Mishra
MUMBAI

SEBI chief Madhabi Puri Buch and spouse Dhaval Buch have rejected all allegations by the Congress in a statement issued in their personal capacity.

Issuing a point-by-point rebuttal, along with statements by firms that are clients of Mr. Buch, they insisted "all allegations made are false, incorrect, malicious and motivated."

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Eight headed to city from Tirumala killed in bus accident

The Hindu Bureau
CHITTOOR

Eight persons headed to Bengaluru were killed and 33 injured when an APSRTC bus was hit by two lorries, one after the other from front and rear, in the highly accident-prone Moghili Ghat section of the Chittoor-Bengaluru National Highway on Friday.

The deceased included two children and the RTC bus driver. The driver of the lorry that collided from the front was among the injured. Many of the bus passengers were from Bengaluru and its neighbouring places, the police said.

The bus, which belonged to the Alipiri depot of Tirupati, was en route to Bengaluru when the accident occurred. The first head-on collision occurred with a lorry, and immediately after, it was rear-ended by another lorry. According to the police, the bus suffered extensive damage in the accident.

The police, with the help of the motorists travelling on the National Highway, rescued the passengers. The injured were shifted in four ambulances from Bangarupalem and Palamaner to the Government Area Hospital in Palamaner and subsequently to hospitals in Bengaluru and Vellore.

District Collector Sumit Kumar said, "While 25 injured were treated at the Government Hospital at Palamaner, the remaining are under critical care." All the bus passengers were reportedly pilgrims returning to Bengaluru after a visit to the Tirumala temple.

Ford to reopen its T.N. plant to make vehicles for export

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

In a much-awaited move, the Ford Motor Company has expressed interest in restarting its manufacturing unit in Tamil Nadu. The company has submitted a Letter of Intent (LOI) to the State government, outlining its intention to utilise the Chennai plant for manufacturing vehicles for export.

The announcement follows a meeting between the Ford leadership team and Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin during his visit to the United States. The strategic move will see the facility repurposed to focus on manufacturing for global markets, as part of the company's ambitious "Ford+ growth plan". The company said that further information about the nature of manufacturing and other details will be disclosed in due course.

Nearly three years ago, the American major had announced that it would stop vehicle production in India.

Kay Hart, president, Ford International Markets Group, announced the decision on LinkedIn. She further wrote that the decision follows multiple meetings with the Tamil Nadu government, including one last week with Mr. Stalin during his visit to the United States. "We appreciate their ongoing support as we have explored different options for the plant," the post read.

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Can the Tigers ambush another Asian giant or will India prove a reality check?

Fresh off a momentous 2-0 Test series win in Pakistan, Bangladesh will be keen to prove that its stunning triumph — just its third away series win in 24 years — is a sign of progress in the game's classical format and not a one-off. Over the next few weeks, the tour of India should offer a clear picture of where it stands in the cricketing hierarchy

AFP

K.C. Vijaya Kumar

In the teeming metropolis that is Dhaka where private cars have extra metal fenders as a precaution against vehicle-grazing traffic, there is always this eternal quest for pride. It is seen in this proverbial stress on the Bangladeshi hilsa, ilish as they call it locally, being better than its Indian counterpart. Beyond the fishy tales, this fierce 'we are never inferior' tenor gets a further iteration when the old man pedalling furiously on his rickshaw is aghast that his passenger doesn't know Bengali.

Challenging the old order

Recently, Bangladesh has been in the news both for the political churn at home and the sporting triumph registered in Pakistan. These developments are seen as a coup, upsetting the old order, and clearing a path amidst the chaos. Still the essential trait rippling through India's neighbour, which nearly splits the North East from the mainland, is centred around proving a point. If India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka are comfortable with the currency denomination rupee, for Bangladesh it has to be taka, the Bangla equivalent.

A land that once was East Bengal, as part of British India, became East Pakistan during the 1947 Partition and finally emerged as an independent entity named Bangladesh in 1971, with India lending a hand. These historical inflexion points, marked by bloodshed and the attendant trauma, have largely shaped a country itching to find its feet against Pakistan and immediate big brother India. If its former motherlands tend to cast a patronising gaze, Bangladesh would have none of that.

India will start the favourite but Bangladesh would believe that it has a sting in its tail. The constant desire to surprise established rivals should drive the visitors forward

This rage often finds an outlet on the sporting frontiers. A Mashrafe Mortaza may request Yuvraj Singh to put in a word during the early days of the IPL auctions but on the field, the Tigers, as Bangladeshi cricket players refer to themselves, always refuse to take a step back. This attribute has often been obvious against India, like at the 2007 World Cup in the West Indies where a defeat in their opening game against Bangladesh contributed to Rahul Dravid's men crashing out. Much later in 2012, when Sachin Tendulkar scored his 100th international ton in an Asia Cup game at Mirpur, his party was spoilt as it was Bangladesh that eventually prevailed in the clash.

Cut to the present, it is Pakistan's turn to face the bruising effects of running into a resurgent Bangladesh. Playing in its backyard Rawalpindi with its Punjabi twang, Pakistan was expected to be this tough host. History too tended to support this assumption and back in the 1980s when the West Indies brushed aside most opposition, the Caribbean men always found it difficult to impose their writ in warm Pakistan and cold New Zealand.

From those glory days under Imran Khan, Pakistan may have slowly regressed as a cricketing nation and yet there is no mistaking the talent pulsing within its veins across Karachi, Lahore, Multan and Peshawar. But when the dust settled, it was Bangladesh that reigned, pocketing the two-Test series 2-0. Previously the Tigers had won abroad against the West Indies, an opposite version of its glory days, and Zimbabwe, another anaemic rival, but to defeat Pakistan was indeed a stunning achievement.

Psychological edge

Considering the historical angst between the two nations and the added strain of the unrest back home, Bangladesh did well to focus on the game rather than brood over the tumult in Dhaka. In the first Test, Pakistan declared at 448 for six and then gaped at Bangladesh's 565 mounted on Mushfiqur Rahim's 191. Najmul Hossain's men had gained the psychological brownie points and the host's 146 in the second dig sealed its fate, with the spinners, the wily Shakib Al Hasan and Mehidy Hasan Miraz, proving to be a handful. A meagre target of 30 was easy pickings and the visitor claimed a 10-wicket victory.

That old foible of self-combustion that shadows Pakistan was recalled all over again but the sense was that Bangladesh might find it difficult to do an encore at Rawalpindi. However, in a match of tight margins, the Tigers had the last roar. A six-wicket victory gave Bangladeshis enough to cheer, be it in Sylhet or Chittagong. A ton by Litton Das, a Bengali Hindu, another pointer to the myriad threads that bind the Indian subcontinent, and wickets from pacers Taskin Ahmed, Hasan Mahmud and Nahid Rana, as well as from Mehidy, meant that Pakistan was forever boxed into a corner.

The what-ifs will linger, maybe the host could have extended its first innings in the first Test, perhaps more runs in the second Test may have deflated the opposition. But all this remains in the realm of conjecture. Shan Masood's captaincy or Babar Azam's run-drought will be dredged up and analysed threadbare but to extrapolate excessive meanings would be an extreme measure. Bangladesh caught Pakistan cold and the series could have gone either way.

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Pakistan is at a stage much akin to the West Indies, where all its cricketing greats are in the commentary boxes. Babar and Shaheen Afridi should get into that rarefied pantheon someday but for now they have to fire in unison for their team. Ever since the terror attack on the Sri Lankan team bus in 2009, Pakistan has found its credentials as a host being questioned. Countries with the exception of India may have started touring Pakistan now but that long phase when Dubai became the base and top-flight cricket did not happen back home has hurt the system within the country.

Battle-tested veterans

In Mushfiqur and Shakib, Bangladesh has battle-hardened veterans. The duo's prickly behaviour is never easy on the eye but a job gets done and the fans seem fine with it. Bangladesh now awaits a sterner test when it tours India, with two Tests and three T20Is being part of the schedule. Rohit Sharma's men in Tests and Suryakumar Yadav's troops in T20Is should offer a reality check about where exactly the visitor stands in the cricketing hierarchy. India has been a consistent outfit over the years, is indomitable at home and travels well too, a fact the Aussies would grudgingly vouch for.

India will start the favourite but Bangladesh would believe that it has a sting in its tail. In 2010 when India toured Bangladesh, pacer Shahadat Hossain struck Dravid's jaw in a Test at Mirpur. Even within India's dominant aura, Bangladesh had found something to smirk about. This constant desire to surprise established rivals, especially a behemoth like India, should drive Bangladesh forward while dealing with the awkward fact of tucking into Indian hilsa over the next few weeks and pretending that the taste buds aren't impressed!

STACKING UP

ATP Men's Top 15

#	Player	Age	Points	Events
1	Jannik Sinner	23	11,180	18
2	Alexander Zverev	27	7,075	24
3	Carlos Alcaraz	21	6,690	17
4	Novak Djokovic	37	5,560	18
5	Daniil Medvedev	28	5,475	18
6	Andrey Rublev	26	4,645	25
7	Taylor Fritz	26	4,060	22
8	Hubert Hurkacz	27	4,060	22
9	Casper Ruud	25	4,010	23
10	Grigor Dimitrov	33	3,965	21
11	Alex de Minaur	25	3,655	23
12	Stefanos Tsitsipas	26	3,390	23
13	Tommy Paul	27	3,005	21
14	Holger Rune	21	2,780	24
15	Sebastian Korda	24	2,585	25

Top Indians ▸

Sumit Nagal
Rank 82 ▼ 9 spots

Ramkumar Ramanathan
Rank 332 ▼ 6 spots

WTA Women's Top 15

#	Player	Age	Points	Events
1	Iga Swiatek	23	10,885	17
2	Aryna Sabalenka	26	8,716	18
3	Jessica Pegula	30	6,220	21
4	Elena Rybakina	25	5,871	19
5	Jasmine Paolini	28	5,398	22
6	Coco Gauff	20	4,983	17
7	Qinwen Zheng	21	3,980	19
8	Emma Navarro	23	3,810	28
9	Barbora Krejcikova	28	3,631	18
10	Maria Sakkari	29	3,515	23
11	Danielle Collins	30	3,362	20
12	Jelena Ostapenko	27	3,008	23
13	Daria Kasatkina	27	2,803	23
14	Anna Kalinskaya	25	2,772	23
15	Liudmila Samsonova	25	2,720	25

Top Indians ▸

Sahaja Yamalapalli
Rank 302 ▲ 1 spot

Ankita Raina
Rank 307 ▼ 24 spots

F1 Drivers' standings

#	Driver	Team	Points	Wins
1	Max Verstappen	Red Bull	303	7
2	Lando Norris	McLaren	241	2
3	Charles Leclerc	Ferrari	217	2
4	Oscar Piastri	McLaren	197	1
5	Carlos Sainz	Ferrari	184	1
6	Lewis Hamilton	Mercedes	164	2
7	Sergio Perez	Red Bull	143	0
8	George Russell	Mercedes	128	1
9	Fernando Alonso	Aston Martin	50	0
10	Lance Stroll	Aston Martin	24	0
11	Nico Hulkenberg	Haas	22	0
12	Yuki Tsunoda	RB	22	0
13	Daniel Ricciardo	RB	12	0
14	Pierre Gasly	Alpine	8	0
15	Oliver Bearman	Ferrari	6	0
16	Kevin Magnussen	Haas	6	0
17	Alex Albon	Williams	6	0
18	Esteban Ocon	Alpine	5	0
19	Zhou Guanyu	Sauber	0	0
20	Valtteri Bottas	Sauber	0	0

Max Verstappen

Lando Norris

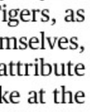
F1 Constructors' standings

Pos	Team	Points	Wins
1	Red Bull	446	7
2	McLaren	438	3
3	Ferrari	407	3
4	Mercedes	292	3
5	Aston Martin	74	0
6	RB	34	0
7	Haas	28	0
8	Alpine	13	0
9	Williams	6	0
10	Sauber	0	0

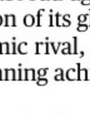
Badminton Men's ranking

#	Player	Points	Events
1	Shi Yu Qi	101,815	17
2	Viktor Axelsen	88,910	13
3	Lee Zii Jia	83,716	22
4	Li Shi Feng	82,996	17
5	Anders Antonsen	81,881	22
6	Kodai Naraoka	78,747	20
7	Jonatan Christie	78,397	16
8	Kunlavut Vitidsarn	75,758	16
9	Chou Tien Chen	71,877	29
10	Anthony Sinisuka Ginting	70,485	18
11	Kenta Nishimoto	64,662	24
12	Loh Kean Yew	63,633	22
13	Lin Chun-Yi	62,801	29
14	Koki Watanabe	57,954	20
15	Lee Cheuk Yiu	57,619	23

Top Indians ▸



Prannoy H. S.
Rank 17



Lakshya Sen
Rank 18

Badminton Women's ranking

#	Player	Points	Events
1	An Se Young	105,917	13
2	Chen Yu Fei	103,482	15
3	Carolina Marin	87,736	15
4	Tai Tzu Ying	87,111	17
5	Wang Zhi Yi	83,815	19
6	Akane Yamaguchi	80,977	11
7	Gregoria Mariska Tunjung	77,062	19
8	Han Yue	77,059	20
9	Aya Ohori	70,917	23
10	Beiwen Zhang	65,356	22
11	Supanida Katethong	62,874	24
12	Busanan Ongbamrungphan	62,590	24
13	Kim Ga Eun	62,500	16
14	P.V. Sindhu	61,462	14
15	Nozomi Okuhara	60,031	21

Top Indians ▸

P.V. Sindhu
Rank 14

Aakarshi Kashyap
Rank 39

Test Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Joe Root	899	923
2	Kane Williamson	859	919
3	Daryl Mitchell	768	804
4	Steve Smith	757	947
5	Rohit Sharma	751	813
6	Yashasvi Jaiswal	740	740
7	Virat Kohli	737	937
8	Usman Khawaja	728	847
9	Marnus Labuschagne	720	937
9	Mohammad Rizwan	720	728

Test Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	R. Ashwin	870	904
2	Josh Hazlewood	847	864
2	Jasprit Bumrah	847	881
4	Kagiso Rabada	820	902
4	Pat Cummins	820	914
6	Nathan Lyon	801	801
7	Ravindra Jadeja	788	899
8	Kyle Jamieson	729	836
9	Matt Henry	711	711
10	Shaheen Afridi	709	836

ODI Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Babar Azam	824	898
2	Rohit Sharma	765	882
3	Shubman Gill	763	847
4	Virat Kohli	746	909
4	Harry Tector	746	767
6	Daryl Mitchell	728	750
7	David Warner	723	869
8	Pathum Nissanka	708	728
9	Dawid Malan	707	730
10	Rassie van der Dussen	701	796

ODI Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Keshav Maharaj	716	741
2	Josh Hazlewood	688	727
3	Adam Zampa	686	695
4	Kuldeep Yadav	665	760
5	Bernard Scholtz	657	657
6	Mohammad Nabi	656	657
7	Shaheen Afridi	650	688
8	Jasprit Bumrah	645	838
9	Mohammed Siraj	643	736
9	Trent Boult	643	775

T20I Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Travis Head	855	844
2	Suryakumar Yadav	805	910
3	Philip Salt	797	833
4	Yashasvi Jaiswal	757	779
5	Babar Azam	755	896
6	Mohammad Rizwan	746	875
7	Jos Buttler	716	720
8	Nicholas Pooran	668	668
9	Ruturaj Gaikwad	664	706
10	Aiden Markram	641	796

T20I Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Adil Rashid	718	746
2	Akeal Hosein	695	683
3	Rashid Khan	668	816
4	Gudakesh Motie	664	674
5	Wanindu Hasaranga	663	797
6	Anrich Nortje	655	695
7	Adam Zampa	648	743
8	Fazalhaq Farooqi	645	692
9	Josh Hazlewood	642	806
10	Maheesh Theekshana	640	684

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Govt. to set up AI-based security system in medical colleges and hospitals

This comes in the wake of the rape and murder of a trainee doctor in Kolkata that has raised concerns about the safety of women professionals in the healthcare sector

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

In a move to ensure the safety of women healthcare personnel, the State government has decided to set up a comprehensive security system through the integration of AI technology across medical colleges and hospitals.

This is in addition to forming a security audit committee with monthly meetings to review safety protocols, establishing a central control room monitored by ex-Army personnel, and constituting a committee at the State Secretariat to oversee implementation of al the security measures that have been planned.

This decision was taken at a high-level meeting chaired by Minister for Medical Education and Skill Development Sharan Prakash Patil in Bengaluru on Friday. The meeting was held to discuss measures for tightening security at medical colleges, hospitals, and hostels in the wake of the rape and murder of a trainee doctor in Kolkata that has raised concerns about the safety of women in the health sector. At the meeting, which is second in the series, Dr. Patil emphasised the importance of integrating feedback from women healthcare professionals and other stakeholders. "Directors of medical institutions must gather feedback in writing and take concrete steps to implement necessary measures," he said.

A file photo of medical professionals protesting in Bengaluru to condemn the rape and murder of a trainee doctor in Kolkata.

He also instructed that thorough background checks should be conducted for all security personnel. Similarly, 24/7 canteen facilities should be available so that women healthcare staff do not need to leave the premises, he said.

The Minister stressed the need for following guidelines prescribed by the Union government and the Supreme Court on safety measures.

According to an official release, the proposed personal safety measures include colour-coded ID badges, personal security alarms, SOS remotes, and hooters. Other initiatives include safe transportation options, counselling services, and training in self-defence and crisis response. At the meeting, officials presented plans to establish a central control room monitored by ex-Army personnel, where CCTV camera surveillance and personal security alarm systems will be monitored around the clock. The control room will also operate a 24/7 helpline, they said.

The security system will be further strengthened through the integration of AI technology to ensure comprehensive protection across medical campuses, they explained.

Efforts were also being made to install more CCTV cameras, improve street lighting, and provide separate duty rooms and restrooms for male and female staff, they said. Dr. Patil announced that a panel will be formed at the State Secretariat to oversee the implementation of these measures.

The Minister warned that medical institutions' directors would be held accountable for any security lapses.

He also directed the Medical Education Department to initiate new tenders for the procurement of drugs.

Kannada organisations to counter 'Hindi Diwas' festivities with 'Hindi Tithi Diwas'

Jayanth R.
BENGALURU

Kannada organisations across Karnataka have expressed their opposition to the 'Hindi Diwas' celebrations to be held on Saturday. The Karnataka Rakshana Vedike (KRV) has decided to celebrate 'Hindi Tithi Diwas' to counter it, along with a protest across the State on the day. 'Tithi' in Kannada refers to a ritual associated with death of a person.

As September 14 is a holiday on account of being a second Saturday, the Hindi Herike Virodhi Karnataka staged a protest in front of the State Bank of India head office on Kempe Gowda Road on Friday.

The celebration of 'Hindi Diwas' on September 14 is mandatory in all Union government-owned banks, departments like Railways, postal, income tax, Central universities, schools and other departments, including public sector companies in Karnataka.

As part of the 'Hindi Fortnight 2024' celebrations, the National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences (NIMHANS) has decided to conduct various competitions in Hindi for its employees and staff whose mother tongue is other than Hindi, from September 14 to 28. The Registrar of NIMHANS has issued a circular in this regard.

Another faction of KRV, headed by Shivarame Gowda, has decided to celebrate 'Hindi Tithi Divas' in all district headquarters on Saturday.

On Friday, film producer S.R. Govindu and KSRTC Kannada Kriya Samiti president Va.Cha.Channe Gowda were among the participants in the protest organised by 'Hindi Herike Virodhi Karnataka' in front of the State Bank of India head office.

"It is seen that the use of Kannada is not given priority while conducting business transactions in banks, post offices, insurance offices within the geographical area of Karnataka. Also, Hindi is forced on Kannadigas in banks, post offices, life insurance offices. Dissatisfaction is growing among the public about the systematic imposition of Hindi in the State. Karnataka is a member of the Union of Federal Republic of India with its own language, culture, history and heritage. The Constitution has ensured the protection and development of our language. Even so, the sentiments of crores of Kannadigas in Karnataka are being hurt by systematic neglect of not using Kannada in public institutions," alleged Parvathish Bilidale, convener of the organisation.

Major demands

- Centre should amend the Constitution and make all the **22 languages** mentioned in the Eighth Schedule as official and administrative languages. **Articles 343 to 351** of the Constitution which give special recognition to Hindi should be repealed
- **Kannada should be the official language** in all Union government departments and industries in Karnataka. Inter-State transactions and transactions with the Union government should also be conducted in Kannada
- **Bilingual formula** should be implemented instead of the tri-lingual formula in Karnataka.
- No correspondence, application forms, challans, digital boards, nameplates, ATMs machines, announcements, SMS and public announcements in Karnataka **shall use Hindi**
- Activities that are harmful to the existence of Kannada, like **celebration of Hindi Diwas** and encouragement to learn Hindi, should not continue in Karnataka
- A separate recruitment rule should be formulated to **fill up jobs** created in the geographical area of Karnataka, and **recruitment should be made by making Kannada compulsory** in written tests

Hemanth Nimbalkar is new head of Intelligence

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

In a fresh IPS reshuffle, Additional Director-General of Police and Commissioner (ADGP) Hemanth Nimbalkar has been given the additional charge of Intelligence.

He will also continue to hold the post of Commissioner, Department of Information and Public Relations.

K.V. Sharath Chandra, who was ADGP Intelligence, has been given posts of ADGP, Recruitment, and ADGP and Commissioner, Traffic and Road Safety. He is replacing IPS Umesh Kumar in Recruitment and Alok Kumar in Traffic.

More transfers likely

Mr. Alok Kumar and Mr. Umesh Kumar, who were relieved from the posts, are yet to be given new roles. Sources say that another list of transfers may be released soon.

PUBLIC NOTICE
(LOST AND FOUND)

I **Mr. M.A. Vinu Shankar** landlord of the immovable House L6, LIC Colony, HAL 3rd Stage, Sector 11, Jeevan Bima Nagar, Bengaluru - 560075 allotted vide Document 3568/9192, page no:209-216, volume 3218, book no:1 dated 09.01.1992 by the LIC of India with the possession and loan no due certificate issued by the LIC of Indian during his personal work in Bangalore on 31.08.2014 and the said documents "no loan due" and possession certificate are found it may be handed over to the undersigned.

M.A.Vinu Shankar
45, Chinna Mudali Street, Pudupet, Gudiyattam, Vellore District-632602.
(M1) 9841296888, (M2) 8056199930,
e-mail: vinusmech@yahoo.com
Bangalore
Date: 13.09.2024

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
RCD, ROAD DIVISION, JAMSHEDPUR, JHARKHAND

Short e-Procurement Notice
For National Competitive Bidding
Short e-Tender Reference No. RCD/JAMSHEDPUR/1537 Date-09.09.2024

1.	Name of the work	IRQP WORK OF DHALBHUMGARH RAUTARA ROAD (LENGTH -11.175KM) FOR THE YEAR 2024-25
2.	Estimated Cost of Work (in INR)	Rs 6,71,25,297.47 (Rupees Six Crore Seventy One Lakh Twenty Five Thousand Two Hundred Ninety Seven and Paise Forty Seven Only)
3.	Initial Bid Security (Rs In Lacs)	Rs 6.72 Lakh (Rupees Six Lakh Seventy two only).
4.	Initial Bid Security in the shape of	Initial Bid Security - As per SOP issued by Information Technology and e-Governance Department, Govt. of Jharkhand vide Letter No.120, Dt. 03.10.2023
5.	Cost of Bidding documents	Rs 10,000.00 (Rs Ten Thousand) only.
6.	Time of Completion	04 (Four) Month
7.	Date of Publication of Tender on website	10.09.2024 at 12.30 P.M.
8.	Start date of bidding	10.09.2024 from 12.30 P.M.
9.	Last date & Time for online bidding	24.09.2024 up to 02.00 PM.
10.	Type of Bid	Two envelope mode (Technical and Financial Bid)
11.	Last date & time for receipt of Bid Security and other documents in Online form	24.09.2024 Through e-tendering portal www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in As per SOP issued by Information Technology and e-Governance Department, Govt. of Jharkhand vide Letter No.120, Dt. 03.10.2023
12.	Date & time for opening of Technical Bid	25.09.2024 at 3.00 PM by e-Procurement Cell, Room No. 330A, 3rd floor, Road Construction Department, Jharkhand Mantralaya , Dhurwa , Ranchi
13.	Name & address of office Inviting tender	Executive Engineer, RCD, Road Division, Jamshedpur, Road No.- 1, CH Area.
14.	Contact no. of Procurement officer	0657-2227724
15.	Helpline number of e-Procurement cell	0651-2401010

Above informations are only indicative. Detail NIT & SBD publised on Tender portal shall be final and mandatory. Details can be seen on website http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in
Executive Engineer
PR 335693 (Road) 24-25 (D) **RCD, Road Division, Jamshedpur**

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that **Sri. R Narayana Kumar,** S/o Ramalalji is the agreement holder and I have entered agreement of sale with owner Smt.Sudha W/o Shankar dated 21.08.2024 with respect to the residential property bearing Old H.A.S.B No 77 property no 223, situated at kodihalli village varthur Hobli, Bangalore east taluk, presently falling under the purview of BBMP Ward no 73, measuring east to west :40 feet north to south :37 feet, totally 1480 sq ft & agreement is entered Therefore, any person(s) having any claim in respect of the below referred property or part thereof by any right/title/interest/ otherwise claiming, howsoever, are hereby advised to approach in writing together with supporting documents to the undersigned within a period of **15 days** of the publication hereof failing which the claim of such person(s) will deemed to have been waived and/or abandoned.

DESCRIPTION OF THE SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of immovable residential property bearing old H.A.S no 77, property no 223, situated at kodihalli village varthur hobli, Bangalore east taluk, presently falling under the purview of BBMP Ward no 73, measuring east to west :40 feet, north to south :37 feet, totally 1480 sq ft- together with all rights appurtenances whatsoever underneath or above the surface and bounded on the: **East by:** private property, **West by:** Shamanna s property, **North by:** Road, **South by:** Property no 682, belongs to Sri. Srinivas.

SMT. SUNANDA S RATHOD, Advocate
Office at No.8, offices No 317, 1st floor, Prabhath Complex, K.G. Road, Bangalore- 560 009. Mob: 9945681973
Date: 13-09-2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Sri. Janakiram Attuluri, S/o. Sri. Janardhana Naidu .A, and his wife Smt. Lavanya Veerapalli are intended to purchase of the schedule property mentioned hereunder for a valuable consideration with its owners, Sri. Kancharla Veera Gopal, S/o. Sri. Manu Brahmam and his wife Smt. Kottapalli Srujana, both are residing at No. 6, Green Acres Layout Opp. to Ryan International Academy, Sarjapur Road, Sulikunte Village, Bangalore-562125.

If any persons, banks, financial institutions etc., having any claims, right, title and interest whatsoever over the schedule property may forward their objections to the undersigned in writing with supporting documents of your such claims, within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice. Failing which it will be deemed that there are no claims, right, title and interest by anybody and my client will proceed for completion of sale transaction and thereafter no claims will be considered.

SCHEDULE

Vacant property bearing Site No. 26, form in Old Sy. No. 34, New Sy. No. 34/2, situated at Sulikunte Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk measuring East to West 38.11+37.11/2 Ft. & North to South 30 Ft, total measuring 1153 Sq. Ft., and bounded on the :

East by: Nandinaganna (Sy. No.29), West by : 28 Feet Road, North by : Site No. 25, South by : Site No.27.

MANJUNATHA & ASSOCIATES
K. N. MANJUNATHA CHARY, ROOPA. B, & B.N. JAGADISH KUMAR, Advocates, # 96, 1st Floor, 1st Main, 4th Cross, Maruthi Nagar, Madiwala, Bangalore- 68, Mob: 9845965626, 7406090832
Bangalore, Date : 13-09-2024

ई–प्रोक्योरमेन्ट सेल,
पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता विभाग, झारखण्ड सरकार

ई–प्रोक्योरमेन्ट सूचना अति अल्पकालिन
(प्रथम आमंत्रण)

ई–निविदा सूचना संख्या – DWSD/Dhanbad-13/2024-25 तिथि – 11-09-2024

1	वेबसाइट पर निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि	19-09-2024 समय 04.00 बजे अपराहन् तक
2	निविदा प्राप्ति (ऑन लाईन बिडींग) की अन्तिम तिथि एवं समय	30-09-2024 समय 04.00 बजे अपराहन् तक
3	सरकार के सचिव, सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी एवं ई–गवर्नेस, झारखंड मंत्रालय के ज्ञापांक–120 दिनांक–03.10.2023 के आलोक में ऑनलाईन जमा किये विपत्र का मूल्य एवं अग्रधन की राषि का UTR Details and Bid Submission Confirmation of Hard Copy जमा करने का अंतिम तिथि एवं समय	01-10-2024 समय 05.00 बजे अपराहन् तक
4	प्री–बीड बैठक का स्थान एवं तिथि	23.09.2024 / 11:00 बजे पूर्वाहन क्षेत्रीय मुख्य अभियंता का कार्यालय पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता विभाग, दुमका प्रक्षेत्र, दुमका
4	तकनीकी बिड खोलने की तिथि एवं समय	04-10-2024 समय 03:00 बजे अपराहन्
5	तकनीकी बिड खोलने का स्थान	अधीक्षण अभियंता का कार्यालय पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता यांत्रिक अंचल, दुमका।
6	निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम/पदनाम :-	ई0 मयंक कुमार भगत, कार्यपालक अभियंता, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता यांत्रिक प्रमंडल, धनबाद।
7	निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले कार्यालय का टेलिफोन नं0	0326-2308988
8	ई– प्रोक्यूरमेन्ट सेल का हेल्प लाईन सं0	651-480345

क्र 0	कार्य का नाम	प्राक्कलित राशि (रू० में)	अग्रधन की राशि (रू० में)	परिमाण विपत्र का मूल्य(रू० में)	कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि
1	Supplying, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of 2 sets of New VT Pump-Motors [Discharge-2000m3/hr., Head-166m] to replace existing installed VT Pump-Motors sets all complete suitable for existing delivery header and structure at Raw Water Pumping Plant on Gogna Intakewell at Maithan of Dhanbad Urban Water Supply Scheme (Phase-I) under D.W. & S. Mechanical Division Dhanbad.	4,71,83,362	4,71,900.00	10,000.00	08 माह

नोट – केवल ई निविदा ही स्वीकार किये जायेंगे।
उपरोक्त किसी तिथि को अवकाश घोशित होने पर अगले कार्य दिवस की तिथि को माना जायेगा।
ऐसे संवेदक जिन्हें पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता विभाग झारखण्ड सरकार का निबंधन प्राप्त नहीं है वे भी निविदा में भाग ले सकते है बशर्ते कि वैसे सफल निविदादाता को एकारनामा के पूर्व पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता विभाग,झारखण्ड, में निबंधन पत्र प्राप्त कर लेना होगा।
निविदा की सूचना तथा नियम शर्ते की जानकारी प्रमंडलीय तथा अंचल कार्यालय से प्राप्त की जा सकती है। निविदा की जानकारी के लिए वेवसाईट http://jharkhandtender.gov.in पर देखा जा सकता है।

PR 335608 Drinking Water and Sanitation(24-25)#D
कार्यपालक अभियंता
पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता यांत्रिक प्रमंडल, धनबाद

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of the general public that our clients **Mr. KANIKYA RAJ. J and Mrs. DEEPIKA. J W/o Mr. Jacob both children of Mr. B. John** are intending to purchase the schedule property mentioned hereunder from **Mr, Y. L PRAKASH S/o Late. Linganna,** any person/s objecting for the proposed purchase or are having any right, title, interest or any type of claim over the scheduled property is hereby called upon to file their objections/claims what so ever along with documentary proof within **05 days** from the date of publication of this notice with the under mentioned advocate failing which; our client/s shall proceed and complete the sale transaction with the above stated person.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Residential Property Bearing **Site No. 12 and 13,** carved out of Survey No. 45/9 (Old Survey No.45/2) **Nadagowdagollahalli Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk,** each measuring East to West 40 Feet, North to South 30 Feet, totally **1200 Square Feet:**

Site No. 12 bounded on the:
East by: Private Property, West by : Road, North by : Site No. 13, South by: Private Property.
Site No. 13 bounded on the:
East by : Private Property, West by : Road, North by : Site No. 14, South by : Site No. 12

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Mr. VENKATESH CHANDRAN M.A., L.L.B.
Advocates & Legal Consultants Bangalore-43
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BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL III CHENNAI
(6th Floor, Additional Office Building, Shastri Bhavan, Haddows Road, Nungambakkam, Chennai-600 006)
T.A.No.89 of 2024

Canara Bank, Chennai Mount Road Branch, Rep by Manager Anita Tiadi, D/o.Narayan Tiadi, age 34 yrs, Staff No.85550. No.781-785, Royala Towers, Anna Salai , Chennai - 600002
...Applicant

- Vs -

Messrs NXAARK Technologies Pvt Ltd and 6 others ...Defendants

To:

1. **Messrs NXAARK Technologies Pvt Ltd**
Pan Card No.AADCI4928F, TIN No.29751404984, 19/4 Avenue Road, 3rd Floor, (Head Office) Ghatala Towers, Nungambakkam, Chennai - 600034, Tamilnadu
Office at,
No.8"A" Wing, 2nd Floor, 15th Cross, (Registered Office) 6th Phase, J.P.Nagar, Bangalore - 560078, Karnataka
2. **Mr.Suresh,**
S/o.Mr.Dakshina Moorthy, Flat No.1702, Ajmera Infinity, Electronic City, Neeladri Road, Bangalore - 560100
3. **Mr.D.Jagadish,**
S/o.Mr.Dakshina Moorthy, Flat No.1703, 7th Floor, P Block, Ajmera Infinity, Daddathogur, Begar Hobli, Bangalore - 560100

Sir / Madam,

In the above matter, the Applicant Bank has filed an Original Application against you for the recovery of a sum of **Rs.1,46,74,815/-** (Rupees One Crore Forty Six Lakhs Seventy Four Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifteen only) as on 05.01.2022 together with interest from 05.01.2022 to till date of clearance of the entire liability and other reliefs. When the matter came up before the Hon'ble Tribunal on 11.09.2024, the Hon'ble Tribunal was pleased to order Substituted Service to you D1, D5 and D7 through Paper Publication returnable by **04.10.2024 at 11.00 a.m.** Kindly be present before the above said date, failing which the matter will be heard and decided in your absence.

R.Kumari
Advocate
Counsel for the Applicant Bank

JHARKHAND URBAN INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT COMPANY LIMITED
(Govt. of Jharkhand Undertaking)
JUIDCO BHAWAN, KUTCHERY ROAD
RANCHI, JHARKHAND
Ph. No.: +91-651-2225878, e-mail Id-juidcolimited@gmail.com
CIN: U45200JH2013SGC001752,

GOVERNMENT OF JHARKHAND
JHARKHAND MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT
REQUEST FOR BID NO.: IN-JUIDCO LTD.-434783-CW-RFB
NATIONAL OPEN COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT
(Two-Envelope Bidding Process with e-Procurement)
NIT No.: JUIDCO/NIT/Lohardaga WSS/JMDP/2024/631
Date: 12/09/2024

Name of Work	:	Design, Build and 5 Year Operation Service of Water Supply System for Lohardaga Nagar Parishad Jharkhand
Mode of Bid Submission	:	Online e-tendering (https://jharkhandtenders.gov.in)
Estimated value of Contract (CAPEX + OPEX excluding electricity charges)	:	Rs 130,78,04,494/- (Rs One Hundred Thirty Crore Seventy Eight Lakh Four Thousand Four Hundred Ninety Four Two Only)
Tender Fees	:	Rs 25,000/- (Non- Refundanle) (Rs Twenty Five Thousand Only)
Bid Security	:	Rs 1,30,78,044/- (Rupees One Crore Thirty Lakh Seventy Eight Thousand Forty Four only)
Start of sale of Bid Document	:	13/09/2024 from 10:00 Hrs
Time and date of pre-bid meeting	:	20/09/2024 at 15:00 hrs
Last date and time for receipt of online bids	:	16/10/2024 till 17:00 hrs
Time and Date of opening of bids – Technical Part	:	16/10/2024 till 17:30 hrs
Address of the Employer	:	JUIDCO Ltd, JUIDCO Bhawan, Kutchery Chowk, Ranchi, Jharkhand 834 001
Officer Inviting Bids	:	Project Director (Technical) Jharkhand Urban Infrastructure Development Company Limited, JUIDCO Bhawan, Kutchery Chowk, Ranchi, Jharkhand-834 001 Tel: 0651- 2243203/ 2225878 e-mail: juidcolimited@gmail.com, Website: www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in

Note Only e-tenders will be accepted.
Further details are available on the Jharkhand Government e-procurement website *http//: jharkhandtenders.gov.in*
PR 335620 Urban Development and Housing (24-25)_D

Sd/-
Project Director (Technical)
JUIDCO Ltd., Ranchi

कार्यालय
कार्यपालक अभियन्ता का कार्यालय
लघु सिंचाई प्रमण्डल, चाईबासा

CORRIGENDUM

ई०–निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना संख्या–MID/CHAIBASA/SBD-01/2024-25(DMFT) जिसका PR-No- 334023 West Singhbhum (24-25)_D के माध्यम से प्रकाशित की गई थी जिसका Tender ID – 2024_WRD_92273_1 का ग्रुप संख्या–03 को अपरिहार्य कारणों से रद्ध करते हुए पुनः Same Tender Reference Number पर निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है।
अन्य सभी शर्ते पूर्ववत: रहेगी।

PR 335790 East Singhbhum(24-25)#D
कार्यपालक अभियन्ता
लघु सिंचाई प्रमण्डल, चाईबासा

INSTITUTE OF LIVER & BILIARY SCIENCES (ILBS)
"CAREER OPPORTUNITIES"
Faculty & Non-Faculty Posts
(ILBS/Careers/4/24)

Addendum: In continuation to advertisement dated 27.08.2024, applications are invited on the prescribed online application form to fill up the following additional posts on contract basis for a period of 'four years' which can be extended based on performance:

S. No.	Name of Post	Number of Posts
1.	Professor (Pediatric Hepatology)	1-UR
2.	Additional Professor (Pediatric Hepatology)	1-UR
3.	Associate Professor (Hepatology)	1-UR
4.	Assistant Professor (Anaesthesia)	1-UR, 1-OBC
5.	Executive Nurse	31*-OBC, 13*-EWS
6.	Jr. Executive Nurse	15-UR, 13*-OBC, 4*-EWS

*Includes backlog
The last date of receipt of applications is **10th October, 2024. For further details and other posts of faculty and non-faculty, please visit http://www.ilbs.in.** **Head Operations (Non Medical), ILBS**

"HEALTHY LIVER – HEALTHY INDIA"
24 Hr Emergency, Liver Ambulance & Helpline: 9540947084, Ph.: 011-463 00 000

BENGALURU SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT LIMITED
Reg. Office: 30/1, 1st and 2nd Floor, UNI Building, Thimmaiah Road, Millers Tank Bund Area, Vasanth Nagar, Bengaluru- 560052
Email: bluruswml2021@gmail.com

No.: DGM-3/BSWML/TEND/05/2024-25 **Date: 13.09.2024**

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT)

(Only through GOK KPP Portal only)

Tenders on item rate basis are invited by the undersigned for the work mentioned below from the registered contractors with Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike/CPWD / KPWD / Railways / MES or any State Government Organizations.

The Tender documents can be downloaded from the Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Website (https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in) on payment of prescribed fee noted against each item of work (non refundable) in the form of e-Payment through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal. The Tenderer should accompany a copy of the Valid Registration Certificate and shall be submitted through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal (Standard Tender Bid Document).

Sl. No.	Name of the work	Value of work (Rs. in lakhs)	EMD (in Rupees)	Stipulated Period of Completion	Eligibility of Contractor
1	Providing Basic Infrastructure Facilities for PWMC including E-waste Recycling at KCDC Plant	480.00	Rs.1,00,000/- through e-payment under of the following i.e., online / RTGS / NEFT / OTC and the balance Rs.6,20,000/- by Bank Guarantee/FDR issued by Nationalized/ Scheduled Bank	9 Months	General

CALENDER OF EVENTS:
1. Date of Uploading of the Bid Document in KPP Portal: 19.09.2024.
2. Date of Pre bid meeting: 24.09.2024 at 15:00 hours in office of the Chief Engineer & Chief General Manager (Tech), BSWML, UNI Building, Thimmaiah Road, Vasanth Nagar, Bengaluru – 560052.
3. Last date of submission of Bids in KPP Portal: 05.10.2024 before 16:00 hours.
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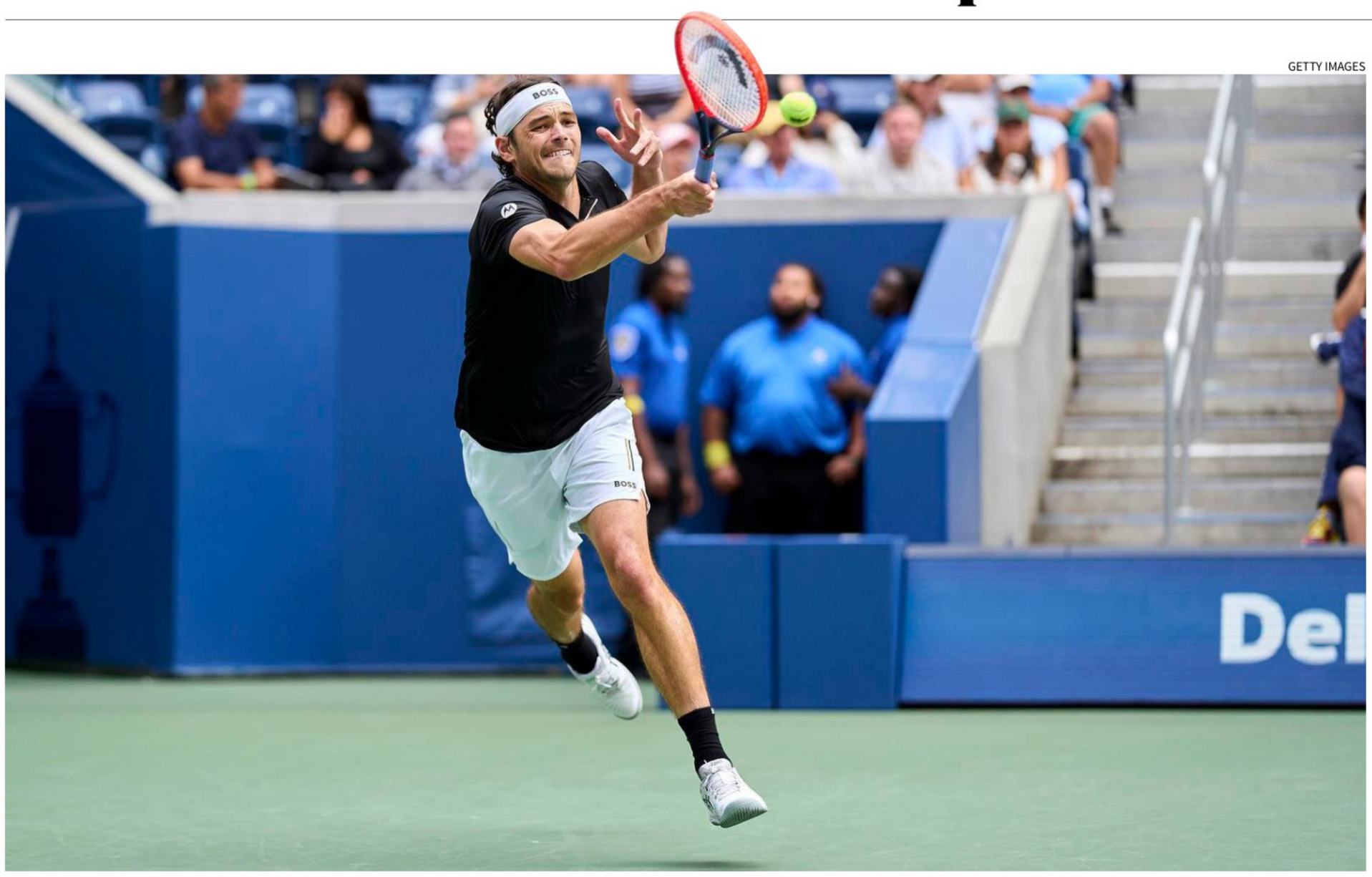

Does Taylor Fritz have what it takes to realise the American dream?

The 26-year-old from California believes his run to the US Open final is repeatable. Is his assessment of his ability and his chances in a new era of men's tennis reasonable? And can he end a two-decade-long wait for a male singles Grand Slam champion from the USA?

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Jannik Sinner's straightforward win over Taylor Fritz in the final of the US Open ended the possibility of a longstanding American dream being realised. There hasn't been a male singles Grand Slam champion from the USA in 21 years, and Fritz's run to the summit clash had raised hope among American tennis fans that the drought would finally be over.

It is, indeed, quite a dry spell for a country accustomed to celebrating the triumphs of American men for decades. From the 1970s to the early 2000s, Jimmy Connors, John McEnroe, Jim Courier, Pete Sampras and Andre Agassi claimed 41 Major titles between them.

Grand tradition

American tennis supporters of an older vintage witnessed the establishment of a grand tradition, with Bill Tilden, who dominated the 1920s and became the first man to win 10 Grand Slam crowns, and Don Budge, who collected a record six Majors in a row (1937-38), following Richard Sears and William Larned, who had claimed seven Majors each.

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But the rich catalogue of American men winning tennis' four biggest tournaments hasn't had an entry since 2003, when Andy Roddick triumphed at Flushing Meadows. Fritz was five years old at the time. The last man before Fritz to even contest a Grand Slam final was also Roddick, who lost to Roger Federer at Wimbledon in 2009.

"I would love nothing more," Roddick said on his podcast before the final, "than for an American to win on Sunday. ... I get this anxious feeling every time they have to answer for it."

Although Fritz, a 26-year-old from California, couldn't keep up with Sinner, the progress he made in New York was undeniable. He beat two top-10 opponents – former finalists Casper Ruud and Alexander Zverev – en route to his first Grand Slam semifinal, where he took down compatriot Frances Tiafoe. After four unsuccessful quarterfinal appearances at the Majors, which suggested he had hit a ceiling, it was just the breakthrough Fritz wanted.

"I know we have been waiting for a champion for a long time so I'm sorry I couldn't get it done this time," he told a supportive crowd after his runner-up finish. "But I'm going to keep working and hopefully I'll get it done next time."

Does Fritz have what it takes, however, to "get it done next time"?

At 6'5", the American is armed with a powerful serve and forehand – these aren't uncommon traits at the top level of men's tennis. "Big serve, very solid from the back of the court, he can hit strong, he can hit with rotation, he can mix it up," Sinner said, assessing Fritz's game, but he could easily have been talking about a dozen other players in the top-30. So while Fritz doesn't appear to have a quality that marks him out as an outlier and greatly improves his chances of winning big events, he certainly has enough to get within range.

Sustainable run

Encouragingly for Fritz, he believes his performance at New York is repeatable; at no point was his play inexplicably above his potential. "It is a great feeling to have gotten to this point, knowing that I'm playing very within myself, and I feel like it's repeatable," he said. "I don't think I, at any point, was, like, wow, I'm playing incredible, or I'm playing out of my mind.

"There's still a lot of room for improvement. And something I've said throughout my entire career, whether it's when I won my first ATP point or I won my first Challenger or whatever it is, I've always said once I do something once, I just feel a lot more confident in being able to do it again."

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Michael Russell, Fritz's coach, thought the keys in the final were that his charge made too many groundstroke errors, particularly on forehands, missed his spots too often on serves and perhaps should have tried to get to the net more than 19 times (he won 13 of those points).

"That's just kind of how it goes, when you're playing ... the best player in the world right now," Fritz said. "My 'Plan A' is not working. The 'Plan B' that I fall back on would normally be just bringing everything in, being a little bit safer, grinding it out. That works, along with my serve, against a lot of other players. But against him ... he's just going to bully me a little bit too much."

Interestingly, Fritz had responded well when he was bullied on court in the semifinal by the explosive Tiafoe, a friend from their junior days. "He overwhelmed me at the start and I was freaking out a little," said Fritz, who fought back for a 4-6, 7-5, 4-6, 6-4, 6-1 win. "I just told myself to stay in it, hold serve and apply scoreboard pressure. I did all I could to stay in it."

Tiafoe, who has known Fritz since they were 12 or 13, said the changes in Fritz since then are remarkable. "When I first met him, Taylor was an odd cat, a different cat. I definitely wasn't thinking he was going to do what he's done," Tiafoe said. "He's changed his body unbelievably. He's just really talented. He was a part-time player; then he started putting more time into it."

A son of two ex-pros – his mother, Kathy May, reached the quarterfinals at the US Open and French Open – Fritz achieved a mental turnaround in New York. His 0-4 record in the last-eight stage at the Majors needed addressing, and a bout of introspection did the trick; he realised he wasn't being completely honest with himself.

"I think the mental coping I was doing was, well, every time I was in the quarters I played Djokovic," he said. "That was my way to protect my ego. But then I got a look at Wimbledon where I didn't play Novak in a quarter. I played [Lorenzo] Musetti and he outplayed me. I think that's when I was, like, okay, maybe that excuse doesn't quite work anymore."

Open season

As a result, he was mentally switched on and better able to take advantage of the Week 1 losses by Djokovic and Carlos Alcaraz, which created a hole in the draw. This is a situation that is increasingly likely to happen, as men's tennis opens up after the Big Three. With Federer retired, Nadal playing sparingly and Djokovic enduring his first season since 2017 without at least one Grand Slam trophy, there are more chances for new faces.

Indeed, Fritz believes that the Majors are more open than ever. "I don't think you have to play unbelievable to go deep in tournaments and contend, although to beat the top guys you still need to bring your best game."

He also feels that American men's tennis is on the brink of a new golden age, with five players – Fritz, Tiafoe, Tommy Paul, Ben Shelton and Sebastian Korda – in the top 20. "It gives hope and shows that we're knocking on the door of winning a Slam," Fritz said. "Whenever one of us does something, the others get belief from it. I think this is just the start for all of us."

GAME THEORY

Aces and double-faults: breaking down Sabalenka's serve

Aryna Sabalenka joked that she was the "queen of double-faults" after dishing out 428 in 2022. But she worked with a biomechanics coach on her serve, and its improvement has played a part in her winning three Major titles since then. A look at where Sabalenka ranks among the WTA Tour's most prolific ace-servers this season and how her service numbers stack up in the four preceding seasons:

Sabalenka

MOST ACES IN 2024

Player	Matches	Aces	Double-faults	Ace per match	Ace per double-fault
Elena Rybakina	50	336	131	6.7	2.56
Aryna Sabalenka	58	271	174	4.7	1.56
Qinwen Zheng	43	270	161	6.3	1.68
Karolina Pliskova	36	250	240	6.9	1.04
Ekaterina Alexandrova	43	239	218	5.6	1.10
Caroline Garcia	30	229	92	7.6	2.49
Paula Badosa	46	227	256	4.9	0.89
Liudmila Samsonova	46	221	226	4.8	0.98
Naomi Osaka	32	214	91	6.7	2.35
Donna Vekic	42	207	198	4.9	1.05
Linda Noskova	42	197	179	4.7	1.10
Coco Gauff	53	186	315	3.5	0.59
Danielle Collins	49	186	231	3.8	0.81
Jelena Ostapenko	45	181	238	4.0	0.76
Diane Parry	34	165	99	4.9	1.67
Taylor Townsend	29	161	76	5.6	2.12
Magda Linette	42	154	91	3.7	1.69
Jessica Pegula	44	148	103	3.4	1.44
Elise Mertens	45	148	210	3.3	0.70
Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova	44	144	174	3.3	0.83

SABALENKA'S SERVE IN FOUR PRECEDING SEASONS

Season	Matches	Aces	Double-faults	Ace per match	Ace per double-fault
2023	69	404	285	5.9	1.42
2022	55	249	428	4.5	0.58
2021	61	357	338	5.9	1.06
2020	37	165	166	4.5	0.99

SOURCE: WTA

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Off the wall

Victor Robles of the Seattle Mariners completes a leaping catch at the wall, taking a hit away from Max Schuemann of the Oakland Athletics in a Major League Baseball game at Oakland earlier this month.

The 'wall climb' is one of baseball's more spectacular sights, as evident from Robles' effort, for it requires a mix of athleticism, spatial awareness, presence of mind and timing. The padding on many walls has reduced the risk of injury, but it still demands a degree of courage.

The play involves a fielder catching a fly ball (an arcing hit struck into the outfield) or sometimes even a pop-up (which doesn't go as far as a fly ball) while 'climbing' the wall.

Vertical walls can rarely be climbed, but fielders try to get a leg up or jump and lean on (or, where possible, over) the wall while timing the ball into the glove.

The play, ruled an out when the fielder has at least one foot over the playing area and no feet touching the ground outside it during the catch, robs hitters of hits that would have been home runs (or doubles, at the very least).

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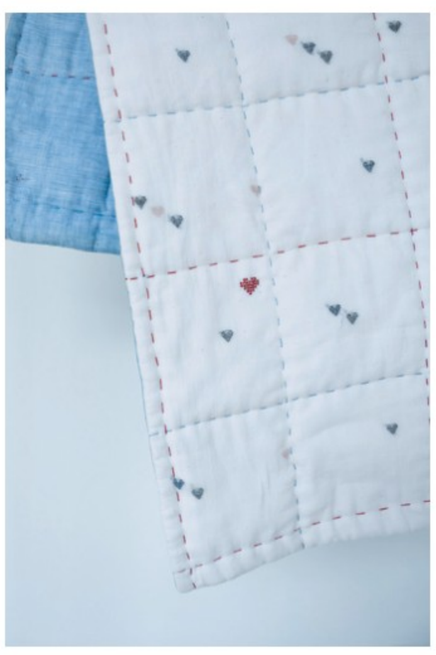

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Traffic curbs on Sept. 15, 16

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In view of Id Milad processions on September 16, the Traffic Department has issued an advisory. The processions are expected to draw large crowds, particularly around the YMCA ground on Nrupathunga road. Authorities have advised citizens to avoid certain routes, and use alternative roads where possible.

In light of the upcoming Ganesha idol immersion scheduled for September 15 at Halasuru lake, the traffic police under the Pulakeshinagar and Shivajinagar jurisdictions have announced regulations from noon to midnight.

Kensington Road will see modifications, with only one-way traffic allowed towards the Kensington-Murphy Road junction from the MEG side of Halasuru lake. The two-way traffic system will be temporarily suspended.

BBMP contractor files complaint against BJP MLA Munirathna

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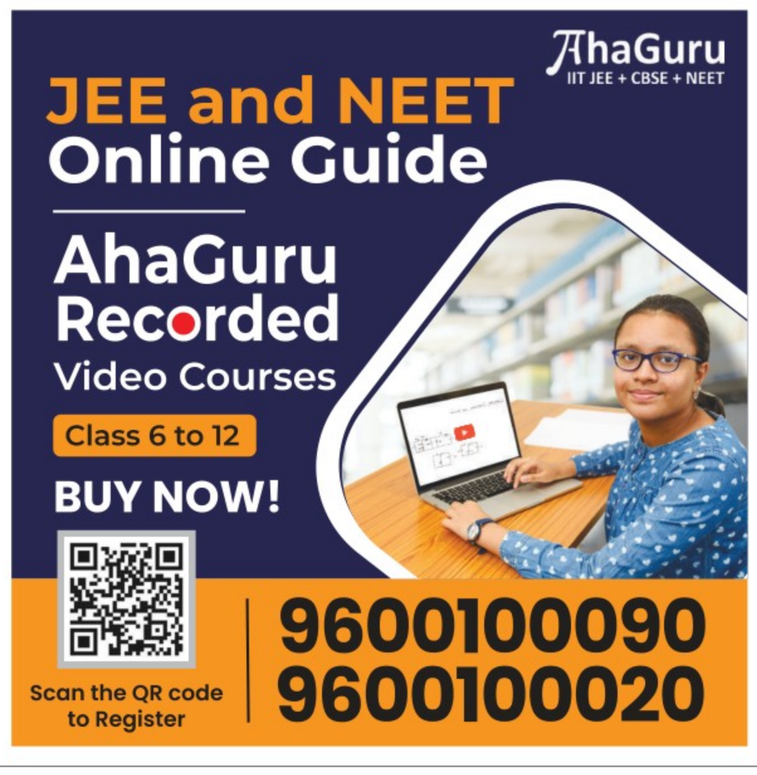
A Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) contractor, Cheluvaraju, has filed a complaint against Munirathna, Rajarajeshwarinagar MLA, with the Bengaluru City Police Commissioner alleging harassment and physical assault.

Mr. Cheluvaraju in the complaint alleged that in 2021, the MLA demanded ₹20 lakh to provide 10 auto tippers for waste management.

"I arranged the money by selling my mother's gold ornaments," he alleged. However, the autos were not sanctioned by the BBMP. Upon asking about the status of the contract, the MLA allegedly showed a letter of recommendation he had written to the BBMP Chief Commissioner. "After this, I informed about the transaction to the former councillor of my ward, when he advised not to pay any money to the MLA. The former councilor said he would help him bag the contract," he added.

In the complaint, it is further alleged that the MLA summoned him to a meeting of contractors and officials where he insulted Mr. Cheluvaraju.



INBRIEF

Acharya Institutions celebrates Onam

Acharya Institutions on Thursday celebrated Onam on its campus in Soladevanahalli. The event featured Thiruvathira dance and Shinkarimelam. Students and faculty members, in traditional attire, took part in various events.

Science, culture and sports festival

Anvesha *2024,* a festival of science, culture and sports organised by Christ PU College and IB (Residential) in association with Christ (Deemed to be University), will be held at Christ PU College, Kengeri campus on September 18.

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CONSTRUCTION

While traditional houses often incorporate diverse wall materials and designs, modern construction practices mostly prioritise standardised, uniform approaches. There is a need for a more thoughtful and contextual approach to wall design in order to create unique and sustainable living spaces

One house, four wall materials

Sathya Prakash Varanashi

What is a wall? Well, that's too simple a question; anybody would answer it as the vertical support needed to keep the roof above.

Of course, it need not always be vertical, being the external surface of a shelter like in a bird nest. The earth-borrowing animals dig into the mud and stay safe inside the walls of their hole.

Certain varieties of red ants skilfully stitch the leaves of their tree to live inside. Shelter-making is an animal instinct, each doing it in its way, with innumerable methods.

Affordable, sustainable

We homo sapiens have also built our shelters across the millennia, with thousands of types of houses spread all over the human world. Appropriate, affordable, ecological and sustainable, our species survived due to these designs. The essence of this approach was being contextual, with the logic behind every design decision, be it for the overall plan, plinth height, wall material, window type or interior colours.

Sadly, today, we are designing houses that can be built anywhere, anytime, anyhow and anyway. Look at our typical city houses in Bengaluru, Hyderabad or Chennai.

Concrete footings, RCC columns, cement solid block walls, concrete beams and roofs, cement mortar plastering, PVC windows, chemical paints, vitrified tile floorings, and the list goes on, predictable and a lifeless box.

Different wall types

How to differentiate between houses?

Only some design elements are stuck to the outside wall by 'elevation making' and maybe colours! A common question we could be asked is why there should be different wall types. Let's pose more questions to answer the above.

Should an external wall surface facing rain and wind be the same as an internal bedroom wall that faces none?

Can the rear utility wall be finished cheaply and left exposed without plastering? Can the front wall have a stone that needs zero maintenance?

Can we achieve an attractive external view by a combination of natural materials and not by paint colour? The answers are everybody's guess; there is no need to write here. Are there material options, and if yes, what are they other than cement blocks and bricks?

The available range may vary between regions, however there are multiple choices within the natural materials.

Wall materials

In the house for Kavya and Ashok, there are four types of wall materials – stone, hollow clay block, interlocking mud block, and burnt brick, each for specific wall types based on their location, size, sunlight, purposes, aesthetics, maintenance, viewing distance, inset pipes, adjoining furniture, room activity, internal daylight and such others.

Naturally, a kitchen wall need not be the same as that of the entrance, living room, meditation corner, staircase side, toilet or study.

Given this, why do we see one wall material being repeated everywhere? Well, most owners don't realise this potential and the construction industry focuses on ease, income and speed.

If designs don't matter, options do not exist.

(The author is an architect working on eco-friendly designs)

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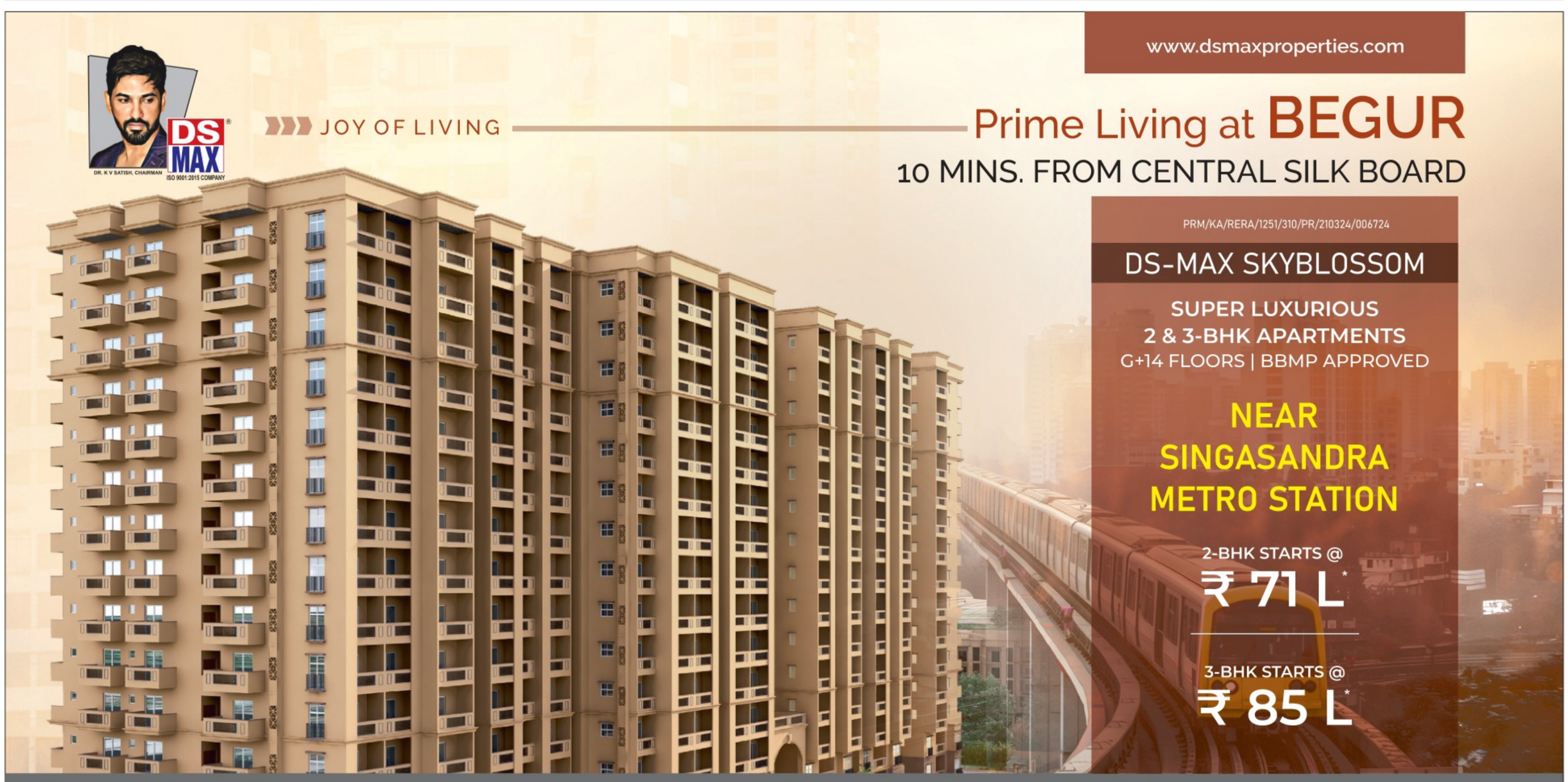
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Govt. wants sugar content in beer capped at 25% of weight of malt of grain

Brewers have taken exception to the draft notification on it and demanded its withdrawal

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The Brewers' Association of India has expressed fears that forcing brewers to put ingredients on the label is 'discriminatory'. FILE PHOTO

The Karnataka government's proposal asking beer manufacturers to declare the sugar content in the beer on the bottle's label and capping the use of sugar to 25% of the weight of malt of grain has riled brewers, who have sought withdrawal of the notification.

Considering the impact of sugar consumption on health, the State government on August 23 issued multiple draft notifications intending to amend the Karnataka Excise (Brewery) Rules, 1967, under the Karnataka Excise Act, 1965.

Brewers have taken exception to the proposed two new rules that they say will redefine standards from what the FSSAI has defined the beer as.

Definition of beer

For, the government has proposed the definition of beer as a "liquor prepared from malt of grain with addition of sugar limited to not more than 25% by weight with or without addition of sugar and hops, and including ale, black beer, porter, stout and spruce beer."

Another notification has asked the brewers to declare "the minimum percentage of malt and sugar by weight to be displayed in the ingredients" on the bottle. However, seeking their withdrawal, the Brewers' Association of India, in its objection to the notifications, has said that the use of sugar in the brewing process is primarily to increase yield, and the sugar undergoes fermentation and gets fully converted to alcohol.

Eventually, the end product contains no residual sugar, it said.

"The FSSAI definition of beer is that it is a fermented alcoholic beverage made from barley, malt or other malted grains, sometimes with added adjuncts like wheat, maize, corn, rice or other cereal crops, and with hops or hop extracts to impart a bitter taste and flavour. Sugar may be added for rounding off of the alcoholic beverage," the association pointed out.

Further, it has stated that the Karnataka Excise has a well-defined brewing process and procedures, and all companies strictly adhere to FSSAI definition. The association also sought manufacturing flexibility in formulating recipes based on consumer preferences fostering innovation.

The association has also expressed fears that forcing brewers to put ingredients on the label was "discriminatory and amounts to forcing the beer manufacturers to share confidential and privileged information in public domain." They argued that it is "irrelevant information on label and will be entirely misplaced."

"It will lead to unwarranted confusion among consumers regarding the use of added sugar in beer that could cause tremendous damage to the beer's reputation," said the association's Director General Vinod Giri.

However, Finance Department sources said that the draft notification has been issued based on the recommendation of a technical committee, including scientists, that has worked for past three to four months on the issue. "Several samples taken from the market have returned with reports of high sugar content after tests were conducted," Finance Department sources defended.

Sources also pointed out that the cap on sugar content is to ensure that it does not go beyond permissible limit for health reasons. "Some brands have been found to be using sugar for cost advantage. You may get a cheaper beverage, but it will not be healthy. Sugar is also found to be a little addictive too. The breweries have been asked to display ingredients on the label since sugar is used in the beer production," sources said.

Nearly 200 private companies take part in job fair at Devanahalli

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Food and Civil Supplies Minister K.H. Muniyappa interacting with people at a job fair at Devanahalli on Friday.

Close to 200 private companies, including Foxconn, Exide, Volvo, L&T, ABB India, and Triveni Turbine, participated in a job fair organised at Devanahalli on the outskirts of Bengaluru on Friday.

Food and Civil Supplies and Bengaluru Rural district in-charge Minister K.H. Muniyappa inaugurated the fair and said it was organised to provide jobs to unemployed youth and to tackle poverty.

Over 23,000 eligible candidates from different parts of Karnataka registered online. The fair received a good response and nearly 15,000 candidates came for it, he said.

Many unemployed candidates have been facing financial difficulties as they took out educational loans and completed graduation and postgraduation studies, Mr. Muniyappa said.

The government has implemented the Yuva Nidhi scheme for providing monthly financial aid of ₹3,000 for unemployed graduates and ₹1,500 for diploma candidates. But permanent employment would empower the youth and make them financially independent, he said.

National and global companies took part in the job fair and promised to provide jobs to suitable candidates in their firms. "This is the right platform for unemployed graduates and skilled persons to find jobs as per their qualification," Mr. Muniyappa said.

Bengaluru Rural Deputy Commissioner N. Shivashankar said appointment letters were issued to 1,097 candidates on the spot and 3,500 candidates have been selected for the next round of interviews.

It was organised by the Skill Development and Livelihood Department with the participation of the private sector.

BACL initiates plans for business park

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Bengaluru Airport City Limited (BACL) has initiated plans for the development of a business park at the airport city on the Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) premises.

BACL which was founded to develop the airport city has issued a request for proposal (RFP) seeking the services of a company for carrying out excavation work for the first phase of the business park project. "BACL intends to procure works 'Excavation Package for Business Park Phase 1' from a suitably qualified and experienced company on the terms and conditions contained in this RFP," stated the objective of the RFP.

Earlier this year, BACL unveiled its investment plan for a two-million square feet business park. "The biophilic-inspired business park by BACL promises smart workspaces within a vibrant public realm," BACL had said while announcing the project.

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Probe team files third chargesheet against Prajwal Revanna

SIT has alleged the victim was first sexually assaulted at the MP's quarters, allotted to former Prime Minister Deve Gowda and used by Prajwal

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Prajwal Revanna

The Special Investigation Team on Friday filed its third chargesheet against the former member of Parliament from Hassan, Prajwal Revanna, charging him with raping a worker from his party, Janata Dal (Secular), allegedly between January 2020 and December 2023.

There are four cases registered against Prajwal, and the SIT is expected to file soon a chargesheet in the fourth case related to sexual harassment. Prajwal is lodged in the Parappana Agrahara Central Prison Complex, and his bail petition is pending before the High Court of Karnataka.

In the chargesheet filed on Friday, the SIT says the victim, a JD(S) worker, was sexually assaulted when she had gone to meet Prajwal at the MP's quarters, which was allotted to former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda but was used by Prajwal as an office in January-February, 2020.

It is also alleged that after everyone left, he dragged her into a room, forced her to disrobe and sexually abused her.

He allegedly threatened that he had a gun and that he would kill her husband. He recorded it all on his mobile phone without his face being visible and threatened to leak the video if she spoke of it to anyone.

The chargesheet lists out at least three more instances of the accused raping the victim at the MP's quarters and in his family's home in Holenarsipur.

The chargesheet also alleges that Prajwal had been using SIM cards registered in the names of his staff, including a woman, to call the victim repeatedly, forcing her to disrobe on a video call, and he allegedly took screenshots of the video call.

The chargesheet includes forensic reports of the videos, which reportedly confirm that the man in the video is indeed Prajwal. However, the SIT has also said more forensic reports were awaited, and they would be submitted to the court as and when they arrive.

Prajwal Revanna has been charged under Sections 376 (2) (n) for committing rape repeatedly on the same woman, 354 for outraging the modesty of a woman, 506 for criminal intimidation of the Indian Penal Code and under various sections of the Information Technology Act, 2000.

Age limit relaxation: KPSC postpones competitive exam for Group 'B' posts

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The revised examination schedule will be announced after the last date to submit applications

The Karnataka Public Service Commission (KPSC) has postponed the competitive examinations scheduled to be held on September 14 and 15 for filling up the Group 'B' posts of various departments, in wake of the government's recent order to relax the maximum age limit for recruitment to government services.

In a press statement on Friday, the KPSC secretary said that in a notification on March 13, 2024, it was decided to conduct the Kannada language exam on September 14 and the competitive exam on September 15 to fill Group 'B' posts in various departments.

Then on September 10, the State government ordered a one-time relaxation of three years in the maximum age limit applicable to all categories in respect to the notification issued for filling up Group 'B' and 'C' posts of various departments and notifications to be issued in the next one year.

The release further stated that following the government order, fresh applications should be allowed for all posts notified on March 13, 2024, by applying the age relaxation. Therefore, the Kannada language examination and the competitive exams have been postponed.

The KPSC said that the revised examination schedule will be announced after the last date to submit applications.

Domestic help arrested for stealing valuables

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Whitefield police have arrested a domestic help for allegedly stealing valuables from a house where she was employed. The police have seized valuables worth ₹53 lakh.

The police said the owner of the house on September 9 filed a complaint and suspected the role of the help. The valuables were stolen from a cupboard.

After registering the FIR, the police picked up the accused from her house and she was allegedly planning to smuggle the stolen articles to her house in Bihar.

In four other cases,the police have arrested about five persons and seized stolen valuables.

Timings
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SATURDAY, SEP. 14		
RISE	06:09	SET 18:21
RISE	15:28	SET 02:04
SUNDAY, SEP. 15		
RISE	06:09	SET 18:20
RISE	16:19	SET 03:07
MONDAY, SEP. 16		
RISE	06:09	SET 18:20
RISE	17:07	SET 04:08

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Tumakuru	31	24
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30ºC The weather will be dry. Day will be slight.warm. Night will be pleasant.

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Section Officer Grade – I (Senior PA to Director) Pay Level-7 (Rs.44,900-1,42,400)	01	0	0	0	0	1
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Name of the Post & Pay Level	No. of Post(s)	Reservation				
GROUP C		SC	ST	OBC	EWS	UR
Assistant Section Officer (Hindi Translator) Pay level 5 (Rs.29200 - 92300)	01	0	0	1	0	0
Technical Assistant Gr. II (Console Operator) Pay level 5 (Rs.29200 - 92300)	01	0	0	0	1	0
Technical Assistant Gr. II (Jr. Draughtsman) [in the field of Civil] Pay level 5 (Rs.29200 - 92300)	01	1	0	0	0	0
Senior Secretariat Assistant (Sergeant) Pay level 4 (Rs.25500 - 81100)	01	0	0	0	1	0
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Junior Secretariat Assistant Pay Level 2 (Rs.19900 - 63200)	02	1	0	0	1	0
Technician (in the field of IT/ CSE) Pay Level 2 (Rs.19900 - 63200)	01	0	0	0	0	1
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(Amount in Lakhs)

Sl. No.	Borrower Name/ Description of the movable / immovable assets:	Total Liabilities as per Sale Notice	Details And Full Description Of The Property	Auction Date & Time	Reserve Price , EMD, Date & Time	1) Incremental value at the Bid 2) Inspection Date 3) A/c No. & IFSC
1	**1. M/s GSK Projects & Engineering Pvt ltd.** Door No.530,15th Main 1st Block, 3rd Stage, Manjunatha Nagar, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560010. **Also At:** Shed No.2/1, Sy No.27/2, Ramaiah Industrial Area Herohalli Cross, Mahadeswar nagar, Vishwaneedam Post, Bengaluru -91, **2. Mr. Girish Rameswarappa** S/o Rameswarappa. G, No 4, 2nd Floor, 9th Cross, Mahalakshmi Layout, Further extension, Bengaluru – 560086. **3. Mr. Venkatesh C Mara** S/o Late Sri Chidanandappa H Mara, No 177,1st Cross,7th Industrial Town, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru-560010. **4. Mr. Rameswarappa G** S/o Govindappa G, No 3992/123, 16th Cross, Anajaneya Badavane, Davanagere - 577004.	**Rs. 2,08,11,802.96 /-** (Rupees Two Crores Eight lakhs Eleven thousand eight hundred and two and paise ninety six only/-) of GSK Projects & Engineering Pvt Ltd including costs and interest as on **13.09.2024** together with future interest, expenses and costs etc till realization.	All that piece and parcel of vacant Site Sy No.21/2 Khata No 25 situated at krishna Garden Layout, Mylasandra Village, Kengeri Hobli Bengaluru South Taluk Karnataka-560059 and measuring 8930 sft standing in the name of Rameshwarappa and bounded on the east by: Property Land belonging to Madaiah ,west belonging to R Pradeep in same Sy No 21/2, north belonging to Somashekar and South by road.	**30.09.2024 - 10.30 A M to 11.00 Noon**	**Rs 2,53,16,000/- & EMD Rs.25,31,600/- 27.09.2024 at 3.00pm.**	**(1) Rs. 2 lakhs (2) with Prior Appointment with Authorised Officer (3) A/c No. 209272434 IFSC CNRB0006298 Encumberance not known to Bank**

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Place: Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised officer
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Junior Secretariat Assistant (Hindi Typist) Pay Level 2 (Rs.19900 - 63200)	01	Hearing Impairment

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, ASADULLA, S/o Syed Afzal, R/o 1st Cross, Near Jani Bhai Compound, D.J.Halli, Bengaluru-560045 have changed my name to Syed Asadulla vide affidavit dt: 12.09.2024 sworn before Notary Meer Hassan, B'lore

I, NADEEM Khan Jabbar, R/at No.60, Modi Road, Left Side, Near Noor Masjid, Devarajeevanahalli, Bangalore-560045, have changed my name from Nadeem Khan Jabbar to Nadeem Khan vide affidavit dated 12-09-2024 before Notary Sivakumara. M.N, B'luru

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, BISHAN Ganapathy, S/o K.M.Ganapathy presently R/a No.1652, 30th Main, 2nd Block, Opposite to Royal Country Park, J P Nagar 8th Phase, Bengaluru-560083 have changed my name to K. Bishan Ganapathy vide affidavit dt: 13.09.2024 sworn before Notary A.R.Muneer Ahmed, B'lore

LEGAL NOTICE

BEFORE THE HON'BLE MOTOR ACCIDENTS CLAIMS TRIBUNAL, PALA
OP (MV) 1479/2019 IA 5/24
Petitioner
Bino, S/o Kurian, Panachickal House, Koodalloor.P.O., Kottayam
2nd Respondent
Jeseena Mubarack, W/o Mubarack, H.No.13, Hosur Road, DRC Bangalore.
Whereas petitioner has instituted a petition against you for claim you are hereby summoned to appear to this Court in person or by pleader duly instructed, and able to answer all materials questions relating to the petition, or who shall be accompanied by some person, able to answer all such questions, on the 30th Day of September 2024 At 11 O'clock in the noon, to answer the claim; and as the day fixed for your appearance is appointed for the final disposal of the petition, you must be prepared to produce on that day all the witness upon whose evidence and all the documents upon which you intend to rely in support of your defense. Take notice that in default of your appearance on the day before mentioned, the suit will be heared and determined in your absence. Given Under my hand and the seal of the Court, this 19th day of August 2024
Adv. Jinson C C

IN THE COURT OF THE 1ST" ADDITIONAL CIVIL JUDGE AND J.M.F.C. AT TUMAKURU
ORIGINAL SUIT NO. 30/2023
Between :
ICICI Bank Ltd.,
A body corporate incorporated And registered under the Indian Companies Act, 1956 and licensed As a Bank under the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 having Registered Office "Landmark," Race Course Circle, Vadodara-390007. And having its Branch Office at ICICI Bank Ltd., ICICI RAPG Division, Classic Arcade, 1st Floor, KS Rao Road, Beside City Centre, Tumkur and represented POA holder and Manager Mr. Sachin Dubey, S/o K.K Dubey, Age: 48 years ...Plaintiff
AND :
Mr. Sanjay T. ...Defendant
Summons to the defendant by way of paper publication
To,
Defendant :
Mr. SANJAY T.
Aged about 32 years
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Whereas the plaintiff above named has filed a suit under Order VII Rule 1 of the Civil Procedure Code for recovery of Rs. 4,75,666/- (Rupees Four Lakhs Seventy Five Thousand Six Hundred and Sixty only) together with interest at the rate 18% P.A. from date of due to till the date of realization. You are hereby summoned to appear before this day Hon'ble Court, in person or by a pleader on the 16th day of October 2024 at 11:00 AM to show cause against the suit, and failing wherein the suit will be heard and determined exparte. Given under my hand and seal of the court this 10/9/2024.
By the order of court
Siresthedhar,
Prl Civil Judge Court and J.M.F.C. at Tumakuru
Advocates for plaintiff:
S.M. Anees Ahamed,
B.M. Kushalappa,
T.N. Ajay
Advocate,
No. 4, (10/2), West Park Road
Kumara Park East,
Bangalore-560001

PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, JAVVAJI Parvathi Devi, W/o Rama Kumar Dolepet Sampath Kumar, R/at No.108, Vinayaka Nivas, 2nd Floor, SBI Bank Road, KSRTC Layout, Uttarahalli, Bengaluru-560061, have changed my name from Javvaji Parvathi Devi to Parvathi Devi.D.R vide affidavit dated 11/09/2024 before Notary Gangaraju.B.N, Bengaluru.

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CIVIL ORIGINAL JURISDICTION
TRANSFER PETITION (CIVIL) No. 361 OF 2024
WITH I.A. No. 33385/2024-
APPLICATION FOR STAY APPLICATION
HEMALATHA ... Petitioner(s)
VERSUS
THE GENERAL MANAGER, THE ORIENTAL INSURANCE CO. LTD. AND OTHERS
... Respondent(s)
To,
1 JAI SHANKAR REDDY G,
S/O. GOPAL REDDY, NO. 70/1, S.L.V. COMPLEX, B/H, BEERESHWARA TEMPLE, BHUVANESWARI NAGAR, ATTIBELA BANGALORE, KARNATAKA - 562 107,
(REF.: MVC NO. 3277 OF 2021),PID: 189350/2024
FOR R[2] IN T.P.(C) NO.361/2024 (SEC IV- A)
WHEREAS the Petition under Section 25 of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908, above-mentioned, along with an application for STAY APPLICATION, EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T., SUBSTITUTED SERVICE seeking transfer of MVC No. 3277 of 2021 titled as "THE GENERAL MANAGER, THE ORIENTAL INSURANCE CO. LTD. Vs. HEMALATHA", pending before the Motor Accidents Claims Tribunal at Bangalore,, KARNATAKA, under the jurisdiction of High Court of KARNATAKA, to the Competent Court at TAMIL NADU, under the jurisdiction of the High Court of TAMIL NADU [Copy enclosed] filed by Mr. SURYA NATH PANDEY, Advocate for the petitioner was listed for preliminary hearing before this Court on 16th February, 2024, and the Court passed the following order:
"Issue notice, returnable within four weeks."
AND WHEREAS, the matter above-mentioned was listed before the Hon'ble Judge in Chamber on 20th August, 2024, when the following order was passed: Respondent Nos.3 & 4 have filed counter affidavit. Ld. Counsel for the petitioner has filed an Application for substituted service in respect of respondent No.2. Same is allowed. Proof of publication be filed within four weeks. Ld. counsel for respondent No.1 submits that respondent No.1 does not wish to file counter affidavit. Submission is taken on record. List again on 4.10.2024.
NOW, THEREFORE, TAKE NOTICE that the above petition along with application for stay will be taken up by this Court in due course and you may enter appearance before this Court either in-person or through an Advocate-on-Record of this Court duly appointed by you in that behalf within thirty days from the date of service of notice. You may thereafter show cause to the Court on the day that may subsequently be specified as to why the prayer made in the transfer petition and application for stay may not be allowed /granted to the petitioner above named.
You may file your affidavit in opposition to the petition as provided under Rule 3 Order XLI, S.C.R. 2013, not later than one week before the date appointed for hearing of the petition.
TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that if you fail to enter appearance, as aforesaid, no further notice shall be given to you and the matter above mentioned shall be disposed of in your absence.
Dated this the 27th August, 2024
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR
Copy to :-
1 Mr. Surya Nath Pandey (adv.)
2 Ms. Pooja Dhar (adv.)
3 Ms. Amrita Singh (adv.)
You are requested to file offer of Plus 9/10 Proof of Publication in no: R.No:2
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR
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Entire criminal justice system has been put to shame, says High Court

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BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka has said "the entire criminal justice system is put to shame" as the trial in a case of rape and murder of a five-year-old girl has been pending for the past seven years, even though the Protection Of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012, specifically mandates conclusion of the trial within a year, as far as possible.

"Delay in such cases, where the offences are heinous based on facts that are horrendous, is a sad reflection of the legal and judicial system," the High Court observed.

The High Court also pointed out that though Section 35(2) of the POCSO Act mandates completion within one year, there are many cases pending before the trial courts concerned.

Justice M. Nagaprasanna made these observation while noticing that though cognisance in the criminal was taken against the two accused persons in 2017 itself, the offenders are yet to be brought to justice.

One of the accused, Chandana, had moved the High Court for recalling nine witnesses for cross-examination on the ground that the trial court rejected the application even though the accused's advocate could not cross examine the witnesses owing to ill health.

However, the High Court noticed from the records that one of the reasons for the delay was due to repeated filling of application on behalf of the petitioner for recalling of witnesses for further cross examination.

Based on this finding, the court permitted recalling of nine witnesses, as the right of their cross examination was not availed of by the accused, with a condition that cross examination should be completed within nine days, and the entire trial should be completed within three months from the date of completion of cross examination.

Report highlights poor state of sewage treatment plants installed near lakes

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A view of Bagalur lake. A report by Action Aid has analysed 15 STPs run by the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike. FILE PHOTO

A report by Action Aid has highlighted the poor state of sewage treatment plants (STPs) associated with lakes in Bengaluru.

The report, which analysed 15 STPs run by the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), highlighted several shortcomings such as fish kill in lakes despite the presence of STPs; the STP water not being tested for several parameters given by the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB), and identical values recorded during consecutive months suggesting potential irregularities.

According to the study, in spite of the STPs, water quality at 12 of 15 analysed lakes was categorised as Class E by KSPCB multiple times. Higher levels of biological content in the water have also been observed. This suggests serious pollution in the lakes, a lack of use of the STPs, inadequacies in STP maintenance, and ineffective monitoring of pollution in the lakes which needs urgent attention and action at the BBMP, noted the report.

"The reported instances of fish kill in lakes with STPs attached to them during 2023 underscore potential shortcomings in pollution control and water quality management efforts. Despite the implementation of STPs, intended to mitigate pollution and safeguard aquatic ecosystems, the fish kill indicates a possible failure in addressing water quality issues adequately," said the report, which used RTI responses, KSPCB water quality reports, and field visits to analyse 15 lakes in the city where STPs have been installed.

The study, which suggested further investigation to pinpoint factors contributing to such incidents, made several recommendations. They include a comprehensive evaluation of the functioning and effectiveness of all the STPs; conforming water quality analysis tests to KSPCB standards; investigation into questionable water quality reports of STPs installed at Challakere and Kalena Agrahara lakes, and handing over STPs run by BBMP to the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB).

"The primary role of the BWSSB is to supply water, collect sewage, treat it, and let it into the environment. They have the proficiency and have been doing it for the last 60-plus years. Alternatively, the BBMP has to set up an effective monitoring of STPs and lake water quality," it says.

Earlier this week, Environment Minister Eshwar Khandre wrote to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah to propose water purification plants near lakes, and supply the treated water for building construction and industrial activities.

Woman and male friend arrested on charge of murdering mother over affair

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The police on Friday arrested a 29-year-old woman, Pavitra Suresh, and her 20-year-old male friend, Lovlish, in connection with the murder of Pavitra's mother. The two allegedly attempted to cover up the crime by portraying it as an accidental death.

According to Bommanahalli police, Pavitra and Lovlish, a car driver, were arrested for allegedly killing 46-year-old Jayalakshmi at her home in Hongasandra. The incident occurred on Wednesday, and Pavitra initially provided a false account of events to the police.

Pavitra had told authorities that her mother had slipped in the bathroom, causing her to fall unconscious. She further stated that after moving Jayalakshmi from the bathroom to a bed, her mother passed away a few hours later. Based on this version of events, the police initially filed a case of unnatural death and sent Jayalakshmi's body for post-mortem.

However, the post-mortem report, which police got on Friday, contradicted Pavitra's claims. The report revealed that Jayalakshmi had been smothered and later strangled. Following this revelation, the police took Pavitra in for questioning, where she admitted to conspiring with her friend to kill her mother.

During the investigation, Lovlish was also detained, and it was uncovered that they had allegedly plotted the murder after Jayalakshmi discovered their secret relationship.

Jayalakshmi had confronted her daughter about the affair, but Pavitra continued the relationship. Feeling threatened by her mother's disapproval, Pavitra and Lovlish decided to murder her, said the polie.

The police official said that Pavitra had been married for 11 years and lived with her husband and two children and managed a provision store near her mother's house.

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No.DGM-3/BSWML/TEND/04/2024-25 Date: 13.09.2024

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT)

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(Only through GOK KPP Portal Only)

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2. Date of Pre bid meeting: 20.09.2024 at 15:00 hours in office of the Chief Engineer & Chief General Manager (Tech), BSWML, UNI Building, Thimmaiah Road, Vasanth Nagar, Bengaluru – 560052.
3. Last date of submission of Bids in KPP Portal: 24.09.2024 before 16:00 hours.
4. The Technical Bid opening date in KPP Portal:25.09.2024 after 16:30 hours.

NOTE:
1. The bidder shall quote rates excluding GST in KPP Portal.
2. No Joint Venture/Consortium is permissible. The validity of tender is 90 days from the date of opening of tender.
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Nagamangala violence: Police officer suspended; situation 'under control'

Strong police presence continues in the town in Mandya district as prohibitory orders are in force; Kumaraswamy visits affected areas, says trouble was 'sponsored by the Congress'

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

Inspector of the Nagamangala Town Police Station Ashok Kumar has been placed under suspension on the charge of dereliction of duty in the wake of the communal violence that erupted during a procession taken out ahead of the immersion of a Ganesh idol in the town on Wednesday.

Deputy Commissioner of Mandya Kumar, who confirmed the suspension of the police inspector, on Friday said the situation in the town was returning to normality. The situation in Nagamangala town is "normal and under control", he said. He said schools and colleges functioned normally while shops and business establishments too remained open.

A police officer carrying a Ganesha idol that was taken from protesters who were condemning the Nagamangala violence, in Bengaluru on Friday. K. MURALI KUMAR

Ban orders continue

A strong police presence in the town continued as prohibitory orders imposed in the wake of the violence remained in force on Friday.

Home Minister G. Parameshwara, who took to social media platform X to announce the suspension of the police officer on the charge of dereliction of duty, said he had already sought a report on the reasons for the violence in Nagamangala. "Once the report is received, stern action will be taken as per law without any hesitation. Nobody is above law," he said on X.

Meanwhile, Union Minister for Heavy Industries and Steel H.D. Kumaraswamy, who visited Nagamangala town on Friday, went around the violence-hit areas to inspect the shops that had been ravaged by the rioters.

Mr. Kumaraswamy told reporters later that the trouble in the town was not only "pre-conceived", but also "sponsored by the Congress". He also described it as an "administrative failure" by the Congress government and a "lapse of duty" by the local police.

Claiming that a posse of reserve police force stationed in the region was moved out minutes before the trouble broke out, Mr. Kumaraswamy also raised questions over the absence of the police inspector and the Deputy Superintendent of Police from the spot.

Meanwhile, the BJP has formed a fact-finding committee led by former Deputy Chief Minister C.N. Ashwath Narayan to go into the incident. The party also sought Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot's intervention.

At a press conference in Bengaluru on Friday, BJP MLC N. Ravikumar said the fact-finding committee comprised former Ministers Bhyrati Basavaraj and Narayana Gowda and former IPS officer K. Bhaskar Rao.

Taking exception to Home Minister G. Parameshwara terming this as a minor incident that took place in the spur of a moment, Mr. Ravikumar wondered how could miscreants organise petrol bombs, swords, and stock of stones that were used for the attack in a spur of the moment. Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Assembly R. Ashok accused the government of listing the names of "victims as top accused" in the FIR.

Another batch of BJP leaders, including Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Council Chalavadi Narayanaswamy and Rajya Sabha Member Lahar Singh Siroya visited the spot.

Protest bid

Meanwhile, in Bengaluru, the police detained around 40 individuals as they attempted to stage a protest outside Town Hall, expressing outrage over the violence in Nagamangala.

The protesters, some carrying Ganesha idols, demanded swift action against those responsible for the stone-pelting and vandalism. The police intervened to prevent the demonstration from escalating.

Why were processionists allowed to dance in front of mosque for 10 min.?: HDK

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

"Why were the processionists allowed to dance in front of the mosque for 10 minutes?" asked Union Minister for Heavy Industries and Steel H.D. Kumaraswamy, who has laid the blame for the communal violence that erupted during a Ganesha idol immersion procession in Nagamangala on the Congress government's doorstep.

Reading out from a copy of the FIR registered by the police on the violence while addressing the media in Nangamangala on Friday, Mr. Kumaraswamy wondered why the police could not provide security to the procession that comprised barely 100 to 150 people.

Meanwhile, the Union Minister, who represents the Mandya Lok Sabha constituency that also comprises Nagamangala, handed out compensation from his personal finances to persons from both Muslim and Hindu communities who had lost their sources of livelihood during the violence.

Mr. Kumaraswamy said the government should conduct a proper assessment of the losses and provide the affected people a minimum of 70% to 80% compensation.

Will consider increasing milk price and passing on benefit to farmers, says CM

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Friday said the government would consider increasing the price of the Nandini brand of milk, marketed by the Karnataka Milk Federation (KMF), in the coming days and the benefit would be passed on to farmers.

Speaking after laying the foundation stone for various development works and launching a newly built training centre of the Bangalore Milk Union in Magadi taluk of Ramanagara district, he said a meeting of the KMF would be called and a decision taken on a proposal to increase the price of the Nandini milk.

A procurement centre of a cooperative milk society in Channapatna taluk of Ramanagara district. FILE PHOTO

"The benefit will be passed on to farmers. If you (farmers) support me, then we will increase the price of milk. Farmers of the whole State should demand increase in the milk price," he said, amid applause from those gathered.

Since June 2024, the KMF has been charging ₹2 more for the 50 ml extra milk per packet, amid a glut in milk production in Karnataka this season.

Later, Mr. Siddaramaiah hit out at the NDA government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi for its "anti-farmer policies" and said the country's outstanding loans increased from ₹53.11 lakh crore in 2014 to ₹183 lakh crore in 2024. It has waived ₹16 lakh crore loans borrowed by industrialists, he added. The Chief Minister said there was no shortage of funds for development works and the five guarantee schemes of his government, aimed at empowering the poor. The support price for milk has been given to farmers to meet the increased input cost, he said.

Soujanya case: No purpose will be served even if reinvestigation is allowed, says HC

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Stating that "no purpose would be served even if reinvestigation is permitted", the High Court of Karnataka has rejected the plea for a fresh probe into the 2012 case of rape and murder of 17-year-old Soujanya, who was a student of SDM College, Ujire, near Dharmasthala, in Dakshina Kannada district.

Also, the High Court upheld the acquittal of the sole accused by observing that the trial court had "properly discussed the evidences" to come to the conclusion that "no circumstance is proved by the prosecution" against the accused.

A Division Bench comprising Justice Sreenivas Harish Kumar and Justice J.M. Khazi passed the order recently by dismissing petitions filed by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), the victim's father,

Chandappa Gowda, and the acquitted person, Santhosh Rao.

Both Mr. Gowda and Mr. Rao had sought direction to the CBI to reinvestigate the case to trace the real culprits. Mr. Rao, in addition, had sought a direction for payment of ₹50 lakh as compensation to him for wrongful prosecution. The CBI had filed an appeal against the June 6, 2023 trial court order of acquitting Mr. Rao.

After 12 years

"...the incident occurred on October 9, 2012. There were no eyewitnesses, and the case depended on the circumstances. Nobody saw the girl being forcibly taken by the suspects or somebody else. Medical evidence cannot be improved, and so also the forensic evidence. It is doubtful that evidence that could not be collected at the golden hour is still available," the Bench observed while rejecting the plea for reinvestigation.

On the CBI's appeal, the Bench said the trial court properly appreciated the evidence and rightly came to the conclusion that there were nothing even in either forensic analysis or DNA reports of samples to connect Mr. Rao with the victim's remains.

Observing that "there cannot be interference if the evidence appears to have been evaluated properly" by the trial court, the Bench dismissed the CBI's appeal.

On compensation

Regarding compensation claimed by Mr. Rao, the Bench said the quantum of compensation to be fixed is a question of fact and therefore he would be at liberty to initiate an independent action in the appropriate forum.

On the complaint that the acquittal committee has not taken any action against the erring police official of the State who initially conducted the probe, for faulty investigation as directed by the trial court, the Bench said the process, already initiated before the committee, be expedited.

The case was initially probed by the jurisdictional police and was later handed over to the Criminal Investigation Department, which had filed a chargesheet against Mr. Rao. However, in 2014 the case was handed over to the CBI, which too filed a chargesheet in 2015 against him. The High Court in 2021 dismissed Mr. Gowda's earlier petition filed in 2018 seeking a reinvestigation.

MUDA 'scam': Leaders ask CM not to quit

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Even as the Karnataka High Court reserved its judgment on the alleged MUDA scam, senior Congress leaders, including Ministers, have asked Chief Minister Siddaramaiah not to resign in the event of an adverse verdict.

Ministers G. Parameshwara, Satish Jarkiholi, and M.B. Patil, and R.V. Deshpande and Basavaraja Rayaraddi, MLAs, on Friday held a breakfast meeting with the Chief Minister at his residence and discussed the political developments in the State.

During the meeting, the Ministers and the legislators appealed to Mr. Siddaramaiah not to step down as Chief Minister if the court ruling went against him, sources in the government told *The Hindu*.

The Chief Minister also told the Ministers to focus on improving the quality of administration so that Karnataka got back the image of a better governed State in the country.

Ashok criticises CM

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly R. Ashok on Friday described Chief Minister Siddaramaiah talking about reservation as "the devil quoting scripture".

Taking to social media, Mr. Ashok told Mr. Siddaramaiah, "We understand your exigency to defend and impress Mr. Rahul Gandhi when your chair is shaking. However, that cannot be a reason to hide and bury the truth." He further said, "A Chief Minister, whose government is accused of siphoning off ₹187 crore meant for the welfare of Scheduled Tribe communities, talking about reservation is like the devil quoting scripture."

BJP to petition EC and move HC against Tukaram's election as MP

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The BJP has decided to petition the Election Commission of India seeking disqualification of Ballari MP E. Tukaram in the wake of the Enforcement Directorate's allegation in its chargesheet that the money siphoned off from Karnataka Maharshi Valmiki Scheduled Tribes Development Corporation Ltd. was used by the Congress for the Lok Sabha elections in Ballari.

At a press conference here on Friday, BJP ST Morcha president Bangaru Hanumanthu said party leader B. Sriramulu, who lost the Lok Sabha election against Mr. Tukaram, would also file a petition before the High Court of Karnataka in this regard.

E. Tukaram

Referring to the ED's chargesheet alleging that ₹21 crore from the corporation had been used for the Lok Sabha election in Ballari, Mr. Hanumanthu alleged that ₹25,000 had been given to each polling booth by the Congress ahead of the election.

Demanding that both Mr. Tukaram and Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, who also holds the Finance portfolio, should quit in the wake of irregularities in the corporation, he said the BJP ST Morcha would hold protests in all the district centres of the State from Saturday to build pressure on them to quit.

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Government Homoeopathic Medical College & Hospital
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Tel : 080-23359413, e-mail : ghmchprincipal@gmail.com

No. GHMCH/20/SUPPLY/2024-25 Date:10.09.2024

TENDER NOTIFICATION No: GHMCH/20/SUPPLY/2024-25 (3rd Call) DATED: 10.09.2024.

Principal, Government Homoeopathic Medical College & Hospital, Basaveshwaranagar, Bengaluru has invited bids for Supply And Installation of Lab. Equipment for Government Homoeopathic Medical College and Hospital Bengaluru Under NAM.
1) Date of Tender Document Available in the e-portal : **11.09.2024 onwards. 2**) Clarification / Pre-Bid Meeting date and Time: **19.09.2024, at 12.00 noon. 3)** Last date to upload the tender documents in e-portal : **27.09.2024 upto 5.30 p.m. 4)** Online Bid Opening date for technical bid : **03.10.2024 at 11.30 a.m. 5)** Tender Approximate value per Annum : **Rs. 13.50 Lakhs. 6)** Tender Opening Place : **Office of the Principal, Government Homoeopathic Medical College & Hospital, Dr. Siddaiah Puranik Road, Basaveshwaranagar, Bengaluru-560079.** Prospective bidders willing to participate in this tender can download the bid documents with visiting the web site **http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/-
Principal &Tender Inviting Authority

DIPR/CP/JA/2000/2024-25

Government of Karnataka
Office of The Chief Conservator of Forests, Working Plan and Survey, Shivamogga
E-Tender Publication No: WSS/A2/RCCP/e-Tender/CR-17/2024-25 E-1517441 Date: 09.09.2024
e-Tender Notice Through e-procurement
E-tenders are invited through e-procurement (https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in) for implementation of the work of demarcation of Notified Forests by construction of RCC Pillars at the specified locations along survey boundaries of Notified Forests in various zones in Shivamogga, Sagara, Bhadravathi, Mangaluru, Kundapura and Kudremukh under the Shivamogga Wildlife Division, for a total of 37 works at a total estimated cost of Rs.108.34 Lakhs during the year 2024-25.
Interested Eligible Public Works Contractors having 4th Grade or Above Grade License from Competent Authority of Karnataka Public Works Department may submit tenders on or before date: 26.09.2024 by 05.00 PM.
The participants are requested to verify the details at E-governance Center or https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in website and participate in the tender. For more information contact this office on phone number: 08182-250785 or mobile number: 9481990223 during office hours.
Sd/- (Gnananand. S) Assistant Conservator of Forests, Office of The Chief Conservator of Forests, Working Plan and Survey, Shivamogga.
DIPR/smg/ksmca/24-25/69/09/670

KARNATAKA NEERAVARI NIGAM LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Enterprise)
Office of the Executive Engineer, KNNL,Dandavathi Reservoir Project Division, Shikaripura.
Short Term Tender Notification- 11/2024-25 Date: 09.09.2024
(Two document System & KPPP System only)
Short term percentage tender are invited as per K.P.P.P on behalf of Managing Director KNNL Bangalore from eligible contractors such as Valid KPWD Empanelled Survey Consultant or valid Registration Firm Under companies act The tenders are required to submit tenders only through K.P.P.P portal of Govt of Karnataka (http://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in).
Consultancy services for detailed investigation, survey, preparation of designs, drawings, estimates, Detailed Project Report and DTP for Diversion of water from Mavinahole and janginakoppa TFS Amount put to tender Rs. 49.86 Lakhs to 49.56 lakhs and EMD Rs. 1.00 Lakhs.
1) Date of downloading & submission of tender (through KPPP) will be on 13.09.2024 to 23.09.2024 up to 5.30 PM **2)** Last date tender queries on 21.09.2024 up to 5.30 PM. **3**) Opening of technical bid will be on 25.09.2024 @ 11.00 AM **4**) Financial bid will be opened after approval of technical bid. For more details visit website from date-13.09.2024 at (http://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in).
Sd/- Executive Engineer. KNNL, DRP Division Shikaripura
DIPR/smg/Ksmca/24-25/78/09/679

PUBLIC NOTICE
The public is hereby informed that my clients **Mr. M.B. Shashidhara and Mrs. Bharathi N.** are the owners of the land measuring 6 Acres 15 Guntas in New Sy. No. 21, Old Sy. No. 4 situated at Kurubarahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Mysuru Taluk, Mysuru District and had entered into a Joint Development Agreement dated 22nd June 2023 with Bipin Textiles Processing Industries Private Limited and had executed a General Power of Attorney dated 22nd June 2023 in their favour. Due to disputes, my clients have terminated the said Joint Development Agreement and General Power of Attorney vide a Termination Notice. The public is hereby informed that my clients are the absolute owners of the aforesaid property and no other person has any right or authority to enter into any transaction in respect of the said property or enter the property. Any person doing the same would do so at their own risk.
Anusha Devi H, Advocate
Bengaluru

E-Mail : sencrwangul@yahoo.co.in; Ph. No.06764-236404
GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER,
RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, ANGUL
No. 2377 // Dt. 11/09/24 //
e-Procurement Notice for Maintenance work in Odisha
Bid Identification No. Maintenance Online AGL-08/2024-25

1. Name of the Work : **Maintenance work**
2. Total No. of Work : **1 No.**
3. Estimated Cost : **Rs.106.39 Lakh**
4. Class of Contractor : **'B' & 'A' Class**
5. Period of Completion : **03 (Three) Calendar Months and Five years routine maintenance**
6. Other details

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender On-line for bidding From	To	Last Date & Time of seeking tender Clarification	Date & Time of Opening of Tender Technical Bid	Financial Bid
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Angul	Maintenance Online -AGL-08/2024-25	20.09.24 at 10.00 A.M.	04.10.24 up to 5.00 P.M.	03.10.24 up to 1.00 P.M.	05.10.24 at 11.00 A.M.	Will be intimated later on

For detailed Notice Inviting Tenders, Please visit to the website http://www.pmgsytenders.gov.in
O-274: Chief Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Angul.
OIPR-25180/11/0010/2425

HC refers plea of filmmaker Vinayan to special Bench

The Hindu Bureau
KOCHI

A Single Bench of the Kerala High Court on Friday directed the High Court Registry to post a writ petition filed by filmmaker Vinayan against the action of the State government in nominating director B. Unnikrishnan as a member of the advisory committee on cinema policy before a special Division Bench hearing petitions relating to the K. Hema Committee report.

According to Mr. Vinayan, Mr. Unnikrishnan had been penalised by the Competition Commission of India for imposing a ban on the petitioner in 2017. The commission order was upheld by the Supreme Court in 2020.

He also added that he had already addressed letters to the Chief Minister and the Minister for Cultural Affairs requesting them to exclude him from the committee.

Video of T.N. restaurant owner's apology to FM sparks outrage

The Coimbatore-based hotelier raises issues related to the different GST rates for different bakery products during an interaction with Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman; later he apologises for his remarks at a private conversation with her

The Hindu Bureau
COIMBATORE

A video of a leading Coimbatore-based restaurant owner apologising to Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman for having raised issues related to the different rates of Goods and Services Tax (GST) for sweets, savouries, and bakery products at a meeting has drawn criticism from Opposition leaders.

During an interaction of representatives from MSMEs and Chamber of Commerce in Coimbatore with Ms. Sitharaman on Wednesday, D. Sreenivasan, owner of the Sree Annapoorna Sree Gowrishankar Hotels in Coimbatore had raised the issue of different GST rates for different products.

He told the Union Finance Minister about the challenges faced by hoteliers in billing by highlighting that a bun doesn't attract GST, but a cream bun attracts 18% GST. His remarks about customers wanting to buy bun and cream separately to make cream bun by themselves drew laughter from the audience.

D. Sreenivasan speaks during an interaction with Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in Coimbatore. M. PERIASAMY

Pointing to Coimbatore South MLA Vanathi Srinivasan, who was also on the dais, the hotelier said he had discussed the issue with her too. The video of Mr. Sreenivasan explaining the issue had gone viral on social media.

Video sparks criticism

On Thursday, another video of Mr. Sreenivasan meeting the Union Finance Minister, in the presence of Ms. Vanathi, and apologising for his remarks, was shared on social media. This drew strong responses from Opposition parties.

Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi said, "When the owner of a small business, like Annapoorna restaurant in Coimbatore, asks our public servants for a simplified GST regime, his request is met with arrogance and outright disrespect... Our small business owners have already endured the blows of demonetisation, an inaccessible banking system, tax extortion, and a disastrous GST. The last thing they deserve is further humiliation."

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge said, "The disgraceful humiliation of a small businessman by the Finance Minister and the BJP smacks of arrogance of power. She has been a repeated offender in such public interactions."

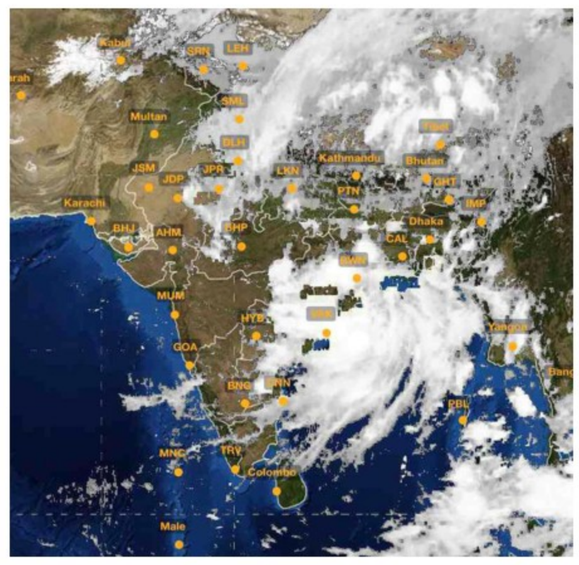
Quoting a couplet from Thirukkural, DMK deputy general secretary and Lok Sabha MP Kanimozhi said the Union government and its Ministers should not tease the self-respect of Tamils.

Former AIADMK Minister D. Jayakumar said the hotelier had only expressed the challenges he faced and had not spoken anything wrong.

In a damage-control measure, BJP State president K. Annamalai, who is currently abroad, said in a post on X, "I sincerely apologise for the actions of our functionaries who shared a private conversation between a respected business owner and our Hon. FM."

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Saturday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Uttarakhand, Bihar, Jharkhand, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya, Manipur, Tripura, Gangetic West Bengal and north Odisha. Thunderstorm with lightning likely at isolated places over west Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Karaikal

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	34.2	26.8	Kozhikode	—	34.5	25.6
Ahmedabad	—	33.6	26.0	Kurnool	—	33.6	23.7
Aizawl	0.6	30.6	23.4	Lucknow	22	33.0	25.0
Allahabad	0.8	34.1	26.3	Madurai	—	39.7	26.4
Bengaluru	—	29.8	20.4	Mangaluru	7	30.6	23.0
Bhopal	—	29.8	23.4	Mumbai	8	31.8	25.9
Bhubaneswar	—	33.2	27.4	Mysuru	—	32.0	20.0
Chandigarh	10.4	29.2	24.2	New Delhi	30	27.6	21.4
Chennai	—	36.7	28.9	Patna	—	34.0	28.3
Coimbatore	—	34.6	23.2	Port Blair	17.1	30.6	26.4
Dehradun	19	24.8	21.7	Puducherry	—	37.5	27.2
Gangtok	0.8	25.4	19.4	Pune	—	30.3	21.9
Goa	8	32.0	24.0	Raipur	—	31.8	25.3
Guwahati	—	37.7	27.4	Ranchi	—	29.9	24.0
Hubballi	—	29.0	20.0	Shillong	1.9	26.6	17.6
Hyderabad	—	30.8	23.0	Shimla	18	21.4	14.0
Imphal	4	27.2	20.8	Srinagar	—	31.0	15.4
Jaipur	—	31.6	25.5	Thiruvananthapuram	7	32.0	25.6
Kochi	—	31.4	26.0	Tiruchi	—	38.7	26.6
Kohima	—	28.2	17.7	Vijayawada	—	35.4	25.8
Kolkata	—	33.1	29.1	Visakhapatnam	—	34.3	28.5

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO₂	NO₂	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.10	..45	.27	...118	...118	
Bengaluru	.13	..19	.47	28	...102	
Chennai	...5	..34	.13	67	62	
Delhi	.25	..52	.63	36	53	
Hyderabad	.46	..43	.45	37	98	
Kolkata	...6	..36	.76	59	93	
Lucknow	...9	7	103	44	56	
Mumbai	...2	..11	.40	66	...112	
Pune	.18	..19	.59	84	...103	
Visakhapatnam	.10	..38	.34	87	...102	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Jalna, Maharashtra recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 168 indicating a moderate level of pollution. In contrast, Shillong, Meghalaya recorded a healthy AQI score of 16

Air Quality Code: Poor, Moderate, Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO₂: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO₂: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

BRS leaders placed under house arrest after party calls for meet

B. Chandrashekar
HYDERABAD

Against the backdrop of a proposed meeting of BRS party activists to be held at the residence of MLA Arekapudi Gandhi, several leaders and cadres of the Opposition party in Telangana were put under house arrest on Friday.

Mr. Gandhi recently defected to the Congress.

Speaking to the media at his residence, Medchal-Malkajigiri district BRS president Shambipur Raju said that the police were not allowing them to go to Mr. Gandhi's residence, who claimed on Thursday that he was still with BRS.

The meeting was a result of a war of words and a scuffle between the supporters of BRS MLA P. Kaushik Reddy and Mr. Gandhi, at the former's residence here on Thursday which witnessed tense moments.

Main leaders of the BRS, including former Ministers, MLAs, MLCs, MPs and others, were confined to their houses and party offices by the police.

Former Ministers T. Harish Rao, P. Sabitha Indra Reddy, T. Srinivas Yadav, MLAs Madhavaram Krishna Rao, K.P. Vivekanand and several other legislators in Hyderabad and elsewhere were not allowed to venture out of their residences.

The party leaders said they did not allow Mr. Harish Rao even to go to the hospital for the treatment of his left shoulder in which he suffered a severe muscle sprain when the police lifted him out from the Cyberabad Police Commissioner's office.

'Illegal arrests'

In a statement, BRS working president K.T. Rama Rao condemned the 'illegal arrests' of party activists and house arrests of party leaders by the police across the State and sought to know whether 'Indiramma Rajyam' meant denying the democratic right to even have a party meeting. The Congress government claims that it was inspired by the welfare rule of former PM Indira Gandhi but its actions now remind of emergency, he alleged.

(With PTI inputs)

MAHATRANSCO Maharashtra State Electricity Transmission Co. Ltd.

NOTICE INVITING TENDER CPD/67 -2024-25

The due Date and Time of submission and opening of following SRM e-tender is extended as follows:

Tender No. & Description of Item	Estimated Amount (in Rs.) / Tender Fee (in Rs.)	Due Date & Time (Hrs.) for Submission & Opening of Tender
SP/T-0521/0924 [RFX No. 5000001290] [1st Call] (Two Bid System) Procurement of 400kV, 50MVAr, 3-Φ Switchable Line Reactor (5 Nos.) along with NGR; Surge Arrestor and New Uninhibited Naphthenic Based High Grade Mineral Insulating Oil required for 400kV Girawali Sub-Station under Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar Zone	Rs.2981.77 / Rs. 25000.00 (excluding taxes)	03.10.2024 Up to 16:00 Hrs. / 03.10.2024 at 16:15 Hrs.
Pre-bid meeting Date, Time & Venue	**Date:** 19.09.2024 **Time:** 14:30 Hrs. **Venue:** 8th Floor, MSETCL C.O. 'Prakashganga' Plot No. C-19, E-Block, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra East,Mumbai, Maharashtra 400051	

Contact Person: Office of the Executive Engineer (P&C)
Tel. No.022- 69852717/ Cell no:-8329909813
Email:ceom@mahatransco.in,secpa@mahatransco.in,eegrp5@mahatransco.in,eepc@mahatransco.in
For further details visit our website http://www.srmetender.mahatransco.in
Any further amendments will be published on the MSETCL website www.mahatransco.in. So bidders are requested to check the website..

Sd/-
Executive Engineer (P&C)

KARNATAKA NEERAVARI NIGAMA LIMITED
(A GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA UNDERTAKING)
Office of the Executive Engineer Singatalur Lift Irrigation Scheme Division No.1Mundaragi-582118
e-mail: eeslis1mdg@gmail..com Phone :08371-262174

No.EE/KNNL/SLIS/Div.1/quotation/2024-25/ 856 **Date:-12.09.2024**

Invitation of Quotations

Rates for the items indicated are invited in sealed covers by the undersigned. The rates are to be furnished in hard copy to reach the office of the undersigned on or before 19.09.2024. Rates are required for the following items for preparation of consultancy estimate for "Survey, investigation, hydrological study,assessment of flood,preparation of DPR, Designs, Drawings and Estimates for flood control and flood management for Veerapur Halla tributary of Hirehalla in Kukanoor Taluk, Koppal District" under Hirehalla Project. Quoted rate should be exclusive of GST and other taxes.

S. N	Description	Unit	Rate
1	Collection of all necessary data such as preliminary report, relevant toposheets of the area, nearest GTS bench mark etc. complete as directed by Engineer-in-Charge.	Job	
2	Reconnaissance survey of the Veerapur Halla from ch:0+000 Km to 36+500 Km tributary of Hirehalla for identifying the condition of infrastructures, habitations, type of land use, including structures and identification of reaches which are most vulnerable to Flooding etc. complete as directed by Engineer-in-Charge.	Km	
3	Establishing the control points at salient locations and also at obligatory points, at Veerapur Halla from ch: 0+000 Km to 36+500 Km tributary of Hirehalla locations where Flood protection is Planned outside the Flood Plain area using DGPS instrument complete as per the standard guidelines of Survey of India. Control shall also be established at all the benchmark locations so as to have coordinates (X & Y) and height control (Z) for further survey investigations, etc. complete as directed by Engineer-in-Charge.	Nos	
4	Detailed hydrological study of the Veerapur Halla from ch:0+000 Km to 36+500 Km tributary of Hirehalla, arriving at the design flood, 25 year return floods, defining the Flood plain based on HFL, observed HFL etc using Hec-Ras and flood Management as per WRDO guidelines, IS codes and as directed by Engineer-in-Charge.	Job	
5	Preparation of Detailed Design, Drawing and Estimate of Flood protection works covering all technical aspects including earthwork and protection measures, Retaining wall/Earthen embankment/Gabion walls, and all component of works etc.,. Estimate is to be prepared as per the Norms of KNNL and submitting 5 sets of hard copies and one soft copy comprising of all details, complete as directed by Engineer-in-Charge.	Km	
6	Preparation of Detailed Project Report, Package Estimates and DTP covering all the aspects as per KNNL Norms for Flood Protection and Flood Management for Veerapur Halla from ch:0+000 Km to 36+500 Km tributary of Hirehalla in Kukanoor taluk of Koppal District., complete and as directed by Engineer- in-Charge.	Job	

For further information, contact the office during office hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer
KNNL, SLIS Division No 1
Mundargi, Gadag Dist.,

DIPR/Gadag/218/DeshpandePublicity/2024-25

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)
No. CEE/TZB/SEE(O)/AE-1/F-502/2024-25/9940-42 Date:12.09.2024

SHORT-TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through KPPP mode only)

KPTCL invites bid against the following enquiry (1) Enquiry No.KPTCL/CEE/TR/BZ/PTK-227 Call-5 for **Replacement of 3rd 100 MVA 220/66KV Power Transformer by 150MVA, 220/66KV Power Transformer at 220/66/11KV Yerandanahalli sub-station in Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru Urban Dist., on Partial Turnkey Basis** including supply of all materials/equipment (excluding 150MVA Power Transformer) and erection (including Civil works) of all materials/equipments, testing and commissioning on Partial Turnkey Basis. The bids will be received through electronic tender mode only. The detailed notification regarding the subject enquiry in the e-tendering process can be obtained by logging into Karnataka Public Procurement (KPP) Portal website: **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in on or after 17.09.2024.** Other details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Chief Engineer, Electy.,
Transmission Zone, KPTCL, A.R. Circle, Bengaluru- 09

AXIS FINANCE LIMITED Ground and 1st Floor, Alpha Centre, #216, Double Road, 2nd Stage, Indiranagar, Bangalore-560002

POSSESSION NOTICE (For immovable property)
[Under Rule 8(1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002]

Whereas, the undersigned being the authorized officer of the **Axis Finance Limited,** Axis House', Ground Floor, C-2, Wadia International Centre, Pandurang Budhkar Marg, Worli, Mumbai-400025 under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act No. 54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a **Demand Notice Dated 11.01.2024** Calling upon the Borrowers, **1) Gifted Education and Research Foundation (Gear Foundation), 2) Mr. Srinivasan Muthusamy,** and **3) Savithri Srinivasan, All Residing at:** 175, GEAR Road, Doddakanenli, Opp. Sai Ikon Apartment, Bangalore-560035 who have mortgaged the property more particularly described hereunder to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.20,51,69,156 (Rupees Twenty Crore Fifty One Lakh Sixty Nine Thousand One Hundred Fifty Six Only) due as on 29.11.2023** with further interest at the contractual rate thereon till the date of payment within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s)/Mortgagor(s) having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s)/ Mortgagor(s) and the public in general that the undersigned has **taken Symbolic Possession** of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this **12th Day of September of the year 2024.**

The Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s)/Mortgagor(s) in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Axis Finance Limited,** Axis House', Ground Floor, C-2, Wadia International Centre, Pandurang Budhkar Marg, Worli, Mumbai - 400025 for an amount of **Rs.20,51,69,156 (Rupees Twenty Crore Fifty One Lakh Sixty Nine Thousand One Hundred Fifty Six Only) due as on 29.11.2023** wand further interest thereon at the contractual rates together with costs, charges etc of Axis Finance Ltd until the full payment or realization in full.

The Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s)/Mortgagor(s) attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) & sub-section (13) of section 13 of the said Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY:

1) First & Exclusive charge by way of Mortgage on land and building adjoining the Gear Innovative International School admeasuring approx. 2 acres and built-up area of 116568 Sq.Ft. owned by Gear Foundation at Survey No. 143, Doddakannelli, Off Sarjapur Road and Outer Ring Road, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East- 560035. **2)** First & exclusive charge by way of Hypothecation on current and future receivables/Cash Flows and bank accounts including cash flows from all the grades (including pre-primary, primary, secondary and higher secondary) of the Gear Innovative International School. **3)** First & Exclusive charge on the Escrow A/c for deposit of the Gear Innovative International School Cash flows/ Receivables as mentioned in Security clause 2 above. as **4)** First and exclusive charge by way of Hypothecation on the movable fixed assets of the Borrower (excluding school buses and vans), all present and future. **Bounded: On the North by:** Booganahalli Gadi, **On the South by:** Remaining Land in Sy No. 143, which belongs to M. Srinivasan, **On the East by:** Sy.No.142, **On the West by:** Srinivas Reddy's Land in Sy.No.143.

"This notice is in supersession to the earlier notice dated **12th April 2024** issued u/s 13(4) of the SARFAESI Act."

Date: 12-09-2024, **Sd/- Authorised Officer,**
Place: Bengaluru **Axis Finance Limited**

CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, BIDAR

No: BMC/ENG/CR-132/2024-25 Dated:-11-09-2024.

TENDER NOTIFCATION

1) Name of work: DMA/2024-25/OW/WORK_INDENT28843 (FOR SC CONTRACTORS), DMA/2024-25/OW/WORK_INDENT29735 (FOR ST CONTRACTORS), DMA/2024-25/OW/WORK_INDENT29562, DMA/2024-25/OW/WORK_INDENT29571, DMA/2024-25/OW/WORK_INDENT29576, DMA/2024-25/OW/WORK_INDENT29581, 2) Estimated cost: As per e-portal, 3) Eligibility of Agency /Consultant: As per e-portal, 4) EMD amount: As per e-portal, 5) Last date for submission of tender:14-10-2024 upto 04.00 PM, 6) Technical bid opening: 15-10-2024 at 04.30 PM, 7) Address for communication: Municipal Commissioner, City Municipal Council, Bidar, Pin code 585401, Email : itstaff_ulb_bidar@yahoo.com 08482-240432, 8) Website: https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/

Sd/- Municipal Commissioner
DIPR/Bidar/155/KSMC&A/2024-25 **City Municipal Council, Bidar**

Government of Karnataka
MINOR IRRIGATION & GROUND WATER DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER MINOR IRRIGATION & GROUND WATER DEVELOPMENT DIVISION BIDAR

No EE/MI&GWD/BDR/TS-1/Tender/2024-25/ 1132 Date: 13-9-2024

KPP -PROCUREMENT TENDER DETAILS

1) Name of Works : As mentioned in KPP-Portal, 2) Estimate cost of Work : As mentioned in KPP -Portal, 3) Eligibility of Contractor : As mentioned in KPP -Portal, 4) Amount put to tender : As mentioned in KPP -Portal, 5) Cost of tender form & Details of EMD : As mentioned in KPP -Portal, 6) Last Date & Time for receipt of KW-4 Only : 23-09-2024 Up to 16.00 Hours, 7) Date & time for opening Technical bid KW-4 Only : 25-09-2024 @ 11.00 Hours if possible, 8) Date & time for opening Technical bid & financial bid KW-4 Only : 27-09-2024 @ 11.00 Hours if possible, 9) For any clarification and details , office to be contacted : Executive Engineer, MI & GWD Division Bidar Phone/ Fax : 08482 232080 , 10) Website details : KPP portal https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/- Executive Engineer
DIPR/Bidar/161/KSMC&A/2024-25 **MI & GWD Division, Bidar**

KARNATAKA INDUSTRIAL AREAS DEVELOPMENT BOARD
(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
 # 49, East Wing, 4th & 5th Floor, Khanija Bhavan Race Course Road
Bengaluru – 560 001. Phone No. 080-22265383 website : www.kiadb.in

No. IADB/ENGG/ETND-DPR-01/428/2024-25 **Date: 13.09.2024**

SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING TENDER
(Through GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Only)

KIADB invites tender from reputed consultants/firms under two cover bid system having an office at Bengaluru with vast experience and proven record of similar nature of work for project mentioned below:-

Name of the work : Providing Consultancy Services for Preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) including Economic Analysis, Surveying, Plan Design, Preparation of Cost Estimates, Cost Structure etc., for Providing fresh water supply scheme from Cauvery Basin to the Industrial Areas at Bengaluru Rural, Chikkaballapura and Kolar Districts.

The last date and time of receipt of tender is : **30.09.2024** upto **4.00 pm.**

Applicants May Download Bidding Documents from the E-Procurement Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.**

Sd/-
DIPR/CP/2006/Zen/2024-25 **Chief Engineer-1, KIADB, Bengaluru**

Last mile woes

Inflation should not be allowed to undermine the economic momentum

The latest retail inflation data from the National Statistical Office yet again highlights the challenge in achieving durable price stability. Provisional estimates for year-on-year price gains in August show the headline rate based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) quickened marginally to 3.65%, from July's 3.60%, as a sharp rebound in vegetable inflation led to a wider acceleration in overall food price gains. Price gains in vegetables – the third-largest constituent of the Consumer Food Price Index – surged by more than 380 basis points last month to 10.7%, spurring food price inflation to 5.66%. Among vegetables, year-on-year inflation in the most widely consumed potato and onion still remained in the high double digits for a sixth and 13th month at 64% and 54%, respectively, a moderation from July's levels notwithstanding. Other vegetables including carrot, palak and brinjal experienced a surge in price gains with all three posting double-digit inflation. Also, disinflation in the prices of pulses and cereals remained slow, with year-on-year price gains in the former still in the double digits for a 15th straight month at 13.6%, while the latter logged an inflation reading of 7.3%. Disconcertingly, food inflation in the rural areas rebounded to exceed 6%, and this at a time when stuttering private consumption is trying to regain momentum in the economically crucial agrarian hinterland. As an external member of the Monetary Policy Committee Shashanka Bhide noted in his comments at the RBI's policy review meeting last month, "high food inflation would therefore hit growth adversely as it affects consumption".

A durable disinflation to the RBI's medium-term monetary policy goal of 4% headline retail inflation also faces other challenges, a key element being a resurgence in core inflation. The price gains measure, which strips out the more volatile food and fuel components, inched up to 3.38% after having snapped a 17-month decelerating streak in July. Based on responses from goods manufacturers polled for the monthly HSBC India Manufacturing PMI survey, HSBC observed this month that there was a "marked increase in prices charged for goods in August" with the rate of output-charge inflation the second-fastest in close to 11 years. Add to this the spatial and temporal volatility of the monsoon, and the outlook for price stability becomes even more muddied. RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das on Friday said that the last mile of disinflation was proving to be "challenging". With policymakers still having to traverse a fair distance to ensure inflation does not undermine broader economic momentum, he reassuringly acknowledged that authorities "cannot afford to look the other way".

Weather gods

Attempts at controlling the weather are still in the realm of uncertainty

Earlier this week the Union Cabinet cleared the ₹2,000 crore Mission Mausam, which primarily involves a major upgrade of instruments used by organisations such as the India Meteorological Department, the National Centre for Medium Range Weather Forecasting and the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM). These are the organisations that form the backbone of India's weather and climate forecasting system on multiple time-scales. In the first tranche of the mission until 2026, the Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES), the nodal body executing the exercise, hopes to procure and install up to 60 weather radars, 15 wind profilers and 15 radiosondes. These are instruments that give regular updates on the changing parameters of wind speeds, atmospheric pressure, humidity, and temperature at various elevations of the atmosphere. Had this been all that the Mission was about, it would not have been too different from the National Monsoon Mission, launched in 2012. The crux of that exercise was to evolve a new approach to forecasting the monsoon by developing weather models that relied on intensive computing. Thanks to this, India has an umbrella weather model that can be tweaked to generate forecasts on multiple timescales – from daily to seasonal monsoon predictions. Beyond the monsoon, such a model could be customised for heatwaves, cold waves and local forecasts.

Making weather forecasts more accurate and improving precision is a never-ending iteration but Mission Mausam seeks to open more vistas. Instead of being a slave to weather, humankind tries to control it. One of the proposals associated with the new mission is to set up a 'cloud-simulation chamber' at the IITM, which will help model rain clouds. They would then test various "weather interventions" such as seeding clouds and tweaking them to control the rainfall from them. There are also plans to control lightning. As statistics reveal, lightning strikes are the number one cause of nature-propelled deaths, above floods and landslides, in India. While there are multiple socio-economic factors as to why this is so, meteorologists say they hope, one day, to be able to tweak the electrical characteristics of the cloud so that there are fewer lightning strikes that lethally traverse from sky to ground. While experiments have been done in other countries, there is much uncertainty on its feasibility. Investing in fundamental research in the atmospheric sciences is a welcome move. The complexities posed by climate change suggest that multiple fronts may have to be opened to mitigate the effects of greenhouse gas emissions. While weather modification may not be a panacea, it will not hurt to wholesomely understand it.

Being 'trans' is being human

Kavita Krishnan

a feminist activist and writer

Last year, at a closed door tribunal, I met several very young transpersons from rural and urban working class communities. It was heartbreaking to see teenagers brutalised and evicted by family, surviving suicide attempts as well as persecution and violence on the streets. In the stormy debates on the 'transgender question', their voices remind me of what stakes are real.

This is not about western culture wars, or debates over sex, gender, or sports. It is about the rights of every human being to be recognised and respected as themselves; to never be asked to deny, disguise, or defend their self-hood in order to enjoy civil rights and equality.

Universal today but problems in the past

Principles of human rights that are today established as universal, were once treated as 'questions', 'problems' and 'debates'. The slavery question. The woman question/problem. The (N-word) question/problem. The suffrage question. The segregation question. The untouchability question. The inter-racial/inter-caste marriage question. The age of consent question. The homosexual question/problem. The Jewish question/problem. These are all titles of writings by some of the best-known historical figures in the world, as well as letters to editors. Bathroom segregation was rationalised as necessary to protect white women from predatory black men on the prowl; police raids on bathrooms to arrest gay men were rationalised to keep boys safe. 'Bathroom bills' to keep transwomen from raping women in toilets are following a tired old script.

It was a Nazi member of the International Olympics Committee who proposed a policy that "ladies taking part in the Games 1940 shall produce doctors' certificates stating that they are women" – ironically, such a policy came into effect in 1948, after the Nazi defeat (at the London Games) – "Officials required female Olympians to submit an affidavit, signed by a doctor, certifying that they were women."

What seemed to be legitimate 'questions' back then were in fact designed to deny civil rights. Today, it is only the far-right that seeks to make those questions "great again", and unsurprisingly, it also derides trans rights. But it is 'gender critical' progressive intellectuals and activists who do what the openly bigoted far-right cannot: frame trans rights as a 'question' requiring reasonable debate. This allows trans rights activists to be accused of being an unreasonable mob that cancels critics through bullying and violence. Search the Internet though and one finds out that movements we celebrate today faced the same accusations. Having your realness 'debated' does make one angry. Black people, women, lesbians and gays were known to 'riot', smash windows, disrupt meetings, vandalise property, set buildings on fire, spit at the police and so on.

> It is 'trans-sceptics' who are fragmenting the integral human self

The gender-critical mantra is that 'biological sex is real'. The corollary is that transgender identity is not real. Gender-critical progressives lobby for laws penalising or prohibiting the acceptance of trans personhood as real (by textbooks, toilets, schools, sports, hospitals). And the far-right works to enact such laws. In 2022-23, Republican members of the U.S. Congress introduced a Bill which, if passed, would prohibit federally-funded libraries and schools from keeping any material with information on sexual orientation, gender identity, or sex education. Predictably, these laws also penalise and prohibit the acceptance of homosexuality as real.

Existence is not an abstract debate

Social scientists cannot be agnostic on the 'question' of trans 'existence' but claim to offer an objective and dispassionate 'explanation' of the 'emergence' of transpersons as a symptom of political philosophy or ideology. 'Emergence' implies that being trans is a trend, here today, gone tomorrow. Existence is not an abstract debate. Human beings can enjoy their rights only if their identity is affirmed as 'real' in law, not 'lifestyle'. To say that trans persons are free to dress as they wish as long as their trans-identity is denied in law is no different from saying people are free to be gay in private, but must not 'flaunt their lifestyle' by demanding the legal right to marry as heterosexuals do.

The openly partisan far-right discourse declares transpersons and non-binary sexualities to be synthetic symptoms of 'gender ideology' just as gender-critical discourse does. But the latter pretends not to notice that the former declares human rights, multiculturalism, the delegitimisation of hierarchies of caste, race and gender; abortion, and homosexuality also to be symptoms of 'liberal elite ideology'.

What is the relationship of sexual identity and gender to mind and body? Is it biologically self-evident that a woman (to quote author and leading gender-critical campaigner J.K. Rowling) is a "human being who belongs to the sex class that produces large gametes (ova)"?

Simone de Beauvoir's understanding was the opposite of Rowling's; her iconic work, *The Second Sex*, begins by questioning the definition of 'woman' as 'a womb, an ovary'. On the next page, she says the male/female binary is not as obvious as it seems: "the very meaning of division of the species into two sexes is not clear".

Her famous line, "One is not born, but rather becomes, a woman" is far more radical than a rejection of the notion that (biological) sex determines (social) gender. In fact, she does not see the sexed body as an abstract fixed 'reality' that is interpreted by the 'mind' as 'gender'. Our consciousness of the body is inseparable from the way we experience it in our social life: "the body is not a thing, it is a situation: it is our grasp on the world and the outline for our projects". The body (sex) does not determine the shape of gendered consciousness; but gendered consciousness too is not tied to a specific anatomical form. That is, "a consciousness without a body is inconceivable", but "this body need not possess this or that particular structure".

The Second Sex challenged the long-held status of the male/female sex binary as 'universal truth', and in doing so, built on the work of other philosophers who had challenged the Cartesian mind/body binary. The so-called 'culture wars' must not be dignified as a product of a uniquely bewildering disruption by transgenders of male/female, mind/body binaries. They are a garden variety reactionary backlash, seen every time a hitherto dehumanised and discriminated people forced the world to acknowledge their identity as entitled to the same dignity and civil liberties as those more privileged.

The issue of society's character

Science fiction can sometimes clarify contemporary conflicts by placing them in 'space', outside the context of our own inherited prejudices. In an episode in *Star Trek: The Next Generation* ('The Measure of a Man') a judicial trial is held to decide if Data, an android and a beloved member of the crew, is the property of Star Fleet and can be dismantled for research against his will. A devastating demonstration argues that Data is not human, since a human being can dismember his limbs and shut down his body. In response, Captain Picard forces the court to look at Data as he sees himself: asserting his "right to choose", and his "rights and status" as a "person" rather than "property". What is on trial is the measure of humanity's character, not the measure of Data's personhood based on an examination of his parts. As Picard puts it: the verdict "will reveal the kind of a people we are", and "could significantly redefine the boundaries of personal liberty and freedom, expanding them for some, savagely curtailing them for others". It is our society's character, not the sexual and gender identity of transpersons, that is under 'question'. Black bodies (especially their private parts) were once studied with the same air of scientific detachment as trans and intersex bodies are today, to assess the extent to which they were 'real' humans.

It is trans-sceptics, not transpersons, who are fragmenting the integral human self.

To 'be' trans or gay is to 'be' human; to study their parts to determine their 'realness' is always already a dehumanising exercise.

The shock of crumbling infrastructure and the solution

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Reports on the collapse of a series of under-construction bridges in Bihar have highlighted the issues of quality control and project implementation in infrastructure in India. In some instances, these have been megaprojects. The number of such incidents where bridges have collapsed could be 10 or even more. The infrastructure sector has been one of the key drivers of the Indian economy. The government's aim of making India a developed nation by 2047 is linked to improvements in its infrastructure sector. Steps to advance India's infrastructure have taken shape in the form of the PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan (NMP), the National Logistics Policy and the Smart Cities Mission among others. Further, the government increased its capital expenditure allocation to ₹11.11 lakh crore (3.4% of GDP) in Budget 2024, indicating the government's commitment towards infrastructure development.

The challenges within

However, the sector still struggles with certain issues and challenges. One of the most common issues faced by most projects, particularly those that are government-sponsored, are time delays and cost overruns. A report by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation reveals that as many as 431 infrastructure development projects, each with investments of ₹150 crore or more, suffered a cost overrun of ₹4.82 lakh crore, as of December 2023. Moreover, the percentage of delayed projects hit a three-year low in March this year. Out of 779 projects delayed, 36% were running behind schedule for a period between 25 to 60 months, 26% for one to 12 months, 23% for 13 to 24 months, and 15% for over 60 months averaging a three-year delay.

Any industrial or commercial activity in India requires multiple clearances from the time of conception to the commissioning of the project. The implementation status of most of the projects points to gaps in project management practices, especially in urban infrastructure projects, including a lack of comprehensive planning and management by urban local bodies, and a lack of capacity of local self government institutions. All this results in an additional expenditure burden on the government, crowds out funding for more deserving projects and increases procurement costs. It has also been observed that sufficient attention, time and expertise are not devoted during the project planning stage. Therefore, building our experience in project management is crucial for India to continue on its high-growth trajectory in years ahead. While organisations are realising the need for structured project management, many are looking at short-term programmes to enhance the skill sets of their existing project teams.

> As a key driver of the Indian economy, the infrastructure sector cannot be subject to failures; having a robust programme management system is important

Traditional practices need an overhaul

Traditional project management practices require an overhaul to integrate modern tools and techniques that involve real-time data management and then crunching that data. An enabling policy framework should consider global best standards on project management and prescribe procedures/guidelines for effective project execution in public sector and public-private partnership projects.

Various countries have adopted multi-pronged approaches to address these issues. In the United Kingdom, the Infrastructure and Projects Authority has a special emphasis on the processes involved for project completion. China, Saudi Arabia and a few other countries have set up similar agencies for end-to end project deliveries.

Under PM Gati Shakti, the National Master Plan has been launched to break the silos in which government ministries/departments work to bring all stakeholders to work on an integrated platform. This initiative has set benchmarks for all departments to achieve the proposed targets and deadlines. PM GatiShakti is being demonstrated through a GIS-based ERP portal wherein the objective is to monitor real-time progress. This will provide not only visual depiction of the National Master Plan but will also integrate, through application programming interface, real-time progress of various departments. However, the quality of projects during implementation and the integrity of the team overseeing the projects will also be critical.

To address these challenges, a holistic "Program Management Approach" is needed. This approach was adopted in the industrial corridors development projects, beginning with the Shendra-Bidkin in Aurangabad, Maharashtra. This involved a disciplined and systematic coordination of human resources, time, money, and information to plan and deliver multiple projects in a unified manner. It is typically employed when the mission involves significant resource expenditure and requires the integration of diverse activities (as in Shendra-Bidkin, with over nine packages taken up simultaneously).

Set up an agency

Programme management relies on well-defined and proven business delivery processes and tools to achieve the overall mission objectives within specified time and budget constraints. This can only be achieved if we are able to develop an industry-ready workforce. Setting up an agency to conduct professional courses in project management along the lines of the The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India and chartered engineers in various other countries, will help in developing professional ethics and responsibilities in project execution, monitoring and oversight.

The government has allocated a substantial budget of taxpayers' money for infrastructure projects. As India moves ahead to become a global powerhouse, it is crucial to prevent time and cost overruns as well as the repeated failure of under-construction projects. Implementing a robust programme management system is essential to achieving this goal. Such a system will bring much-needed efficiency to create future-ready infrastructure, paving the way for an affluent and safe future for Indian citizens.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Independent judiciary

There cannot be two opinions that it was most improper on the part of the Chief Justice of India to have invited the Prime Minister to participate in a Ganesh pooja at his house, which was a purely personal event. There is something like a separation of powers under the Constitution of India and the judiciary sits in judgement over the actions of the executive. If every other judicial officer began to do what the CJI did, then people would lose confidence that the judiciary is the 'sentinel on the *qui vive*'. This is not to impute motives but Caesar's wife must be above suspicion (Inside pages, "PM's visit to CJI's house for Ganesh puja sparks row", September 13).

N.G.R. Prasad,
Chennai

Sitaram Yechury

In the passing of Sitaram Yechury, the political spectrum in general and the Left in particular has lost a powerful voice ("Left leader who could juggle multiple identities with elan", September 13). A great personality with interpersonal skills, he was ever willing for negotiation, and was warm and affable. His conviction and the skills to convince people made him an affable leader. Highlighting issues in Parliament as an MP, he would politely disagree on certain issues, a rare quality in the political space.

Balasubramaniam Pavani,
Secunderabad

Corrections & Clarifications

In a report, "'WhatsApp Payments not looking to be a fintech firm'" ('Business' page, September 13, 2024), the designation of Ravi Garg was wrongly mentioned as Vice President of WhatsApp Business Messaging. It should have been Director, Business Messaging, Meta India.

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Junior doctors march towards Swasthya Bhawan, the headquarters of the West Bengal Health Department, protesting against the rape and murder of a doctor at R.G. Kar Hospital in Kolkata. PTI

At a time of festive cheer, a city seethes with rage

A month since the rape and murder of a trainee doctor at R.G. Kar Medical College and Hospital, anger continues to simmer on the streets of Kolkata, posing the biggest challenge to Mamata Banerjee during her tenure as Chief Minister. **Moyurie Som, Shrabana Chatterjee**, and **Shiv Sahay Singh** report on the innovative ways in which the people are protesting and the government's attempts at quelling the agitation

Minutes past midnight on September 8, the mood was sombre at R.G. Kar Medical College and Hospital in Kolkata, where a trainee doctor was brutally raped and murdered a month ago. As resident doctors arranged petals and candles at the gate of the emergency building, a doctor began singing a song: "*Ek je chilo mein, taar bhari dukh, bhari dukh* (Once there was a girl, she was full of sorrow, full of sorrow)".

Taking inspiration from a track from *Goopy Gyne Bagha Byne*, a 1969 classic film by the director Satyajit Ray, the doctor's song narrated the gruesome tale of August 9.

"I wrote the lyrics just hours ago," said the medical officer at another state-run health facility. "Will this pain ever go? Will Tillotama (a name given to the victim) ever get justice?"

The hospital remained barricaded. Armed personnel of the Central Industrial Security Force and the Kolkata Police stood guard as resident doctors lit incense sticks at the memorial for the victim.

The doctors wore black bandanas on their forehead that read, "Justice for Abhaya" (another name given to the victim).

Holding a microphone, one of the doctors said, "We will never forget what happened to one of our sisters a month ago. We will remain awake the whole night in her memory."

A month after the incident, which sparked outrage across the country, people from all walks of life – doctors, artists, lawyers, engineers, rickshaw pullers, taxi drivers – continued to participate in 'Reclaim the Night' protests across the city. 'Reclaim the Night' is a reference to the fact that the 31-year-old doctor was attacked at night while taking a break from duty, and also to the 1970s movement, where women occupied public spaces at night, marching against sexual violence. There have been hundreds of protests across the country since August 9.

The beleaguered Trinamool Congress government has attempted to pacify the protesters in many ways – by appealing to them, pleading with them, declaring that it stands with them, and chastising them. On September 3, in the State Assembly, it passed the Aparajita Women and Child (West Bengal Criminal Laws Amendment) Bill, 2024, which enhances punishment for rape, promises swift investigation, and even the death penalty in a few cases.

However, the anger, which has swept the city like a storm, has not subsided. On September 12, pushed to a corner, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee said she was willing to resign in the interest of the people. She explained that the doctors' refusal to return to work was affecting the State's healthcare system. According to the West Bengal government, more than 6 lakh people have been denied outdoor patient services at State-run hospitals in the last month. The ongoing agitation is Banerjee's biggest political challenge in her 13 years as Chief Minister of West Bengal.

> We make Durga from clay. Won't we hit the streets for the Durga of flesh and blood?
>
> **SUBODH PAL**
> Artist

'An organic uprising'

On the same day, about 13 kilometres away from R.G. Kar, the victim's parents arrived at protests at Jadavpur's 8B bus stand on the southern fringes of the city. As soon as they walked in, the demonstrators at the venue stopped shouting slogans. They also stopped recording the event on their phones, to protect the identity of the parents (disclosing any detail which could help identify a victim of rape is prohibited by law).

The father took the stage. Holding back tears, he said, "I lost my daughter on August 9. From that day onwards, I have found a huge family... the thousands of protesters who are now on the road fighting for her... I am shocked to see the power my daughter had...I hope you will stay and protest until I get justice."

A few minutes later, slogans rent the air again: "*Pashe aachi* (We are with you)!"

Rimjhim Sinha, an independent researcher, is one of the faces of the protests. She helped organise three 'Reclaim the Night' marches. "Right from the night of August 14 (when the first 'Reclaim the Night' march took place), this agitation has had massive resonance across West Bengal, India, and even abroad. Being a sociologist, I feel this is a historic moment. Women across classes, castes, religions, and locations have organised programmes and established a statement against rape culture," she said.

Some academics have said that this is an organic outpouring against the administration. "After a long time, we are seeing such an uprising against the system. The R.G. Kar incident was a trigger. People have always taken note of the misdoings of the current government, such as the school recruitment scam and the Rose Valley chit fund scam, but the populist policies such as giving allowances to people was used by the government for buying their loyalty," said Amites Mukherjee, a professor at Jadavpur University.

Junior doctors during a rally in Kolkata. Doctors have refused to return to work. DEBASISH BHADURI

On September 8, before midnight, Satyabrata Ghosal, 73, a retired professor of Library Science at Rabindra Bharati University, stood at the Shyambazar five-point crossing. The last time he had joined a protest was in the late 2000s against the forcible land acquisition by the Left Front government at Singur and Nandigram.

"I have been going to every protest over the last few days. There is an attempt to dub the R.G. Kar incident as another incident of rape and murder. But this reeks of systemic rot. A doctor was brutalised and all evidence [of the crime] was removed," alleged Ghosal. The family members of the victim and a majority of the protesters also believe that not one person, but several people were involved in the crime and there was tampering of evidence. So far, the police have arrested a man called Sanjay Roy for the crime.

At Jadavpur, a middle-aged man, who refused to disclose his identity, offered packaged water bottles to the protesters. "My identity is not important," he said. "I am one of you, we are all one in this. The people of this area came together to collect money and buy these bottles, so that we could supply them to the protesters daily."

Sinha said years of pent-up anger had found its way to the streets. The sentiment everywhere, she said, was simple: "Enough is enough."

A Chief Minister without an audience

Resident doctors of State-run health facilities, who have been at the forefront of the protests, have been highlighting some of the issues they face. The doctors have been on strike since August 9 and defied a Supreme Court appeal to rejoin work by September 10. They set conditions to hold talks with the administration, which the government rejected. They demanded the resignation of Kolkata Police Commissioner Vineet Goyal as well as action against senior officials of the government, increased security for health workers, and an end to the "threat culture" in hospitals and medical colleges across the State.

On September 12, a team of 30 doctors reached the State administration headquarters, Nabanna Sabhaghar. However, they did not join the talks as the government refused to live-stream the meeting, which the doctors insisted would make the proceedings transparent. The Chief Minister waited at the Nabanna for nearly two hours before leaving the State Secretariat.

"We want our demands to be heard by the masses who have turned up in unprecedented numbers to show their support for our quest for justice," said Aniket Mahato, one of the protesting doctors, after the talks failed to take place.

Several doctors like Dr. Mahato have led the agitation, which has been innovative at times. On September 2, when Dr. Mahato and others laid siege to Lalbazar, the police headquarters, they carried a replica of a spinal cord as a gift to the police, to urge them to "desist from serving only the interests of their political bosses". Several associations of senior doctors have extended support to the resident doctors and dared the government to take action against them.

Keeping politicians at bay

It is not doctors alone who have been using innovative tools and slogans. At every rally, protesters can be seen carrying posters and graffiti depicting violence against women. They have been shouting slogans such as "*Tilottamar bichar chai; Amar didir bichar chai* (We want justice for Tillotama; we want justice for our sister)" and "*Sashak tomar koto bhoy. Dharshak tomar ke hoe* (Why are the rulers scared, how are the rapists related to them)?". They have also found an anthem in the playback singer Arijit Singh's song "*Aar Kobe* (When)?" which has millions of views on social media. The cries have changed from "We want justice" to "We demand justice".

> Every political party has tried to hijack the movement. Some have sent drunk goons to our protests to cause a ruckus. But the people have managed to keep the parties away.
>
> **TORSA CHATTERJEE**
> Student, Jadavpur University

Unlike many other protests in Kolkata and elsewhere, which are appropriated by political parties or organisations affiliated to politicians, these agitations have been apolitical. Whenever politicians tried to join them, the protesters sent them a clear signal to stay away.

On August 14, for instance, a few days after the horrific incident when anger was spilling onto the streets, Banerjee herself went on a march, raising demands similar to those of the protesters. However, this was met with more anger, mockery, and disdain. Since then, the ruling party has stopped organising protests.

Similarly, on August 27, violence broke out during the 'March to Nabanna' protest, organised by the Paschim Banga Chatra Samaj, a little-known outfit connected to the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, the ideological parent organisation of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). The next day, a 12-hour bandh called by the BJP disrupted normal life. While a section of civil society was worried that the movement may be hijacked, the people did not lose hope. They switched off lights in their houses and lit up the streets in quiet protest.

Torsa Chatterjee, a student of Jadavpur University and an organiser of a 'Reclaim the Night' march, admitted that it has been difficult to keep the protests free of party politics. "Every political party – whether the Trinamool, the BJP, or the CPI(M) – has tried to hijack the movement," she said. "Some of them have even sent drunk goons to our protests to cause a ruckus. But the people have managed to keep the parties away."

A dulled mood for celebrations

At this time of the year, the people of Kolkata gear up to celebrate the festival of Durga Puja. Thousands visit the elaborate pandals – massive, temporary structures that house idols of goddess Durga, shop for sweets and clothes, and visit loved ones across the city. In December 2021, UNESCO had added 'Durga Puja in Kolkata' to its Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity list, giving the festival international recognition.

This year, however, most people are not in a mood to celebrate. While protests have roiled the city, artists and theatre personalities have decided to agitate in their own ways, by returning awards presented to them by the State.

Chandan Sen, an 80-year-old thespian, returned the Dinabandhu Mitra Puroshkar, one of the highest awards in theatre, presented to him by the West Bengal government. "My father was a doctor at a government hospital for over 40 years. I personally feel for this cause and the doctors' plight," he said.

Organisers of community Durga Pujas have also returned the honorarium paid to them by the government. Several community Durga Puja committees have refused to accept the ₹85,000 that has been offered to them by the government. Prosenjit Ghosh, secretary of Uttarpara Shakti Sangha, a Durga Puja club, said, "There is no politics behind our decision. We feel this is our social responsibility. It a small attempt by us to seek justice for the victim."

In an effort to revive the festive spirit, Banerjee urged the people to join the celebrations. However, her appeal was met with anger by the mother of the victim, who said that the family would never celebrate Durga Puja, now that their daughter is gone. "How can they ask the people to return to festivities," she asked, pained.

The protests are likely to impact Durga Puja and its related economy. A study by the British Council had pegged the creative economy around Durga Puja in 2019 at ₹32,377 crore, which was 2.58% of West Bengal's GDP.

With less than three weeks left for the Puja, Kumartuli, a colony of idol-makers in north Kolkata, is unusually quiet. "Unlike earlier years, the footfall of bloggers, tourists, and photographers to Kumartuli has drastically decreased this year," said idol-makers, Kakoli Pal and Bankim Pal.

On September 8, when the whole city was participating in protests, the idol-makers of Kumartuli also hit the streets. Bamkim Pal said that thousands of people, including those in the locality who remain aloof in social events, also took part. Subodh Pal, another artist, said, "We make Durga from clay. Won't we hit the streets for the Durga of flesh and blood?"

Notwithstanding the economic impact of the protests on the festival season, sculptors, idol-makers, and theme artists feel that the pandals will also capture the collective anger over the crime. Idol designer and artist, Bhabatosh Sutar, said, "In the last 50 years, I have never seen such a spontaneous and large-scale civil society movement. As an artist, I don't think the art of Durga Puja can be separated from this tragedy."

An official of a consulate in Kolkata, who has been facilitating art exhibitions during Durga Puja over the past few years, compared the situation to the story of a Satyajit Ray 1955 classic, *Pather Panchali*. "The character Durga dies just before the Puja and the audience is shaken by it. This is exactly how we feel right now," he said.

From Page One

Supreme Court grants bail, Kejriwal walks free

Justice Bhuyan said the timing of the CBI arrest was suspect as the Chief Minister had been at that time on the "cusp of release" from jail following a Special Court order granting him bail in the money-laundering case. The arrest's timing invited the view that it was meant to "frustrate" Mr. Kejriwal's release, he observed.

Senior advocate A.M. Singhvi had termed the CBI arrest an "insurance arrest".

On the point of bail, both judges agreed the continued incarceration of Mr. Kejriwal violated his right to personal liberty. The CBI lodged its FIR in August 2022. So far, five chargesheets, arraigning 224 witnesses and 17 additional accused, were filed in the trial court. The documentary evidence was extensive.

"There is no likelihood of the completion of the trial in the immediate future," Justice Kant surmised.

Justice Bhuyan found no reason to hold Mr. Kejriwal captive in the CBI case when he had already been granted bail multiple times under the stringent provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act.

The apex court refused to relegate the bail plea to the trial court. The Bench dismissed the CBI's apprehensions that Mr. Kejriwal would influence witnesses and tamper with the evidence.

The court ordered Mr. Kejriwal to pay bail bonds of ₹10 lakh with two sureties and barred him from making any public comments about the CBI case to avoid "building a self-serving narrative" about a sub judice matter, especially on social media networks.

Swiss court freezes $311 mn of Adani 'proxy'

"We unequivocally reject and deny the baseless allegations presented. The Adani Group has no involvement in any Swiss court proceedings, nor have any of our company accounts been subject to sequestration by any authority," it said.

The Swiss media outlet Gotham City, in its report, stated that a ruling by the Federal Criminal Court (FCC) revealed that the Geneva Public Prosecutor's Office was investigating alleged wrongdoing and more than $310 million belonging to an alleged frontman for billionaire Gautam Adani have been sequestered in five Swiss banks over the past three years.

The Swiss investigators suspected that the associate, Chang Chung-Ling, was not the ultimate beneficial owner (UBO) of the company under investigation but a mere front. The Adani Group, however, said that the court order was not linked to them and they have not been mentioned in it.

"Even in the alleged order, the Swiss court has neither mentioned our group companies, nor have we received any requests for clarification or information from any such authority or regulatory body. We reiterate that our overseas holding structure is transparent, fully disclosed, and compliant with all relevant laws," the conglomerate said. The allegations, it said, "are clearly preposterous, irrational, and absurd. We have no hesitation in stating that this is yet another orchestrated and egregious attempt by the same cohorts acting in unison to inflict irreversible damage on our group's reputation and market value."

"The Adani Group remains steadfastly committed to transparency and compliance with all legal and regulatory requirements," it said.

Mr. Chung-Ling's name had first surfaced in the 2023 Hindenburg report that alleged stock market manipulation, accounting fraud and money laundering at Adani Group. Adani Group has repeatedly denied all charges.

He was alleged to have made substantial profits by buying and selling Adani stocks through offshore funds and that he was the sole director of Growmore, allegedly a shell company based in Mauritius used to siphon off funds. According to Hindenburg, Growmore netted an overnight $423 million gain through a stock merger with Adani Power. Mr. Chung-Ling's son, Chang Chien-Ting was identified as the alleged sole beneficial owner of PMC Projects (India), which along with Growmore and Adani Global was investigated by SEBI over related-party transactions. The outcome of the probe was not known.

Ford to reopen its T.N. plant; to export vehicles

"This step underscores our ongoing commitment to India as we intend to leverage the manufacturing expertise available in Tamil Nadu to serve new global markets," she wrote.

Ms. Hart also said: "For right now, I'm excited that this decision will add to our growing employee base in Chennai; our global Ford Business Solutions team based there is already more than 12,000 strong and we are planning to increase that by another 2,500 to 3,000 team members in the next few years. When you add that with our engine manufacturing team in Sanand and our ongoing customer and dealer support team, India is Ford's second-largest employee base worldwide."

Earlier this week, Mr. Stalin, after meeting the Ford team in the United States, posted on X: "Had a very engaging discussion with the team from Ford Motors. Explored the feasibility of renewing Ford's three decade partnership with Tamil Nadu, to again make in Tamil Nadu for the world."

Truth will win, says Kejriwal; BJP asks him to resign as CM

BJP's Gaurav Bhatia asks what stature the AAP leader has left to continue his duties as Delhi Chief Minister; Congress and other Opposition parties allege that Centre misused probe agencies

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Friday said he would continue to fight "anti-national" forces working to weaken the nation, as leaders and supporters of the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) gathered to celebrate his release.

In his first remarks on X after coming out of Tihar Jail, the national convener of AAP said, "Truth triumphs over conspiracy (*Sajish pe satya ki jeet hui hai*)."

The Bharatiya Janta Party demanded Mr. Kejriwal's resignation, pointing out that he was released on conditional bail and he continued to be an accused in the excise policy case, while the Congress and several other Opposition parties accused the Centre of misusing investigating agencies. At a press conference, BJP national spokesperson Gaurav Bhatia said the Supreme Court had granted conditional bail to a "downright dishonest" Mr. Kejriwal and that he had neither been acquitted nor the charges against him were dropped.

AAP leaders Manish Sisodia and Bhagwant Mann exchange sweets as they celebrate the release of Arvind Kejriwal on bail. ANI

"Accused of corruption, Arvind Kejriwal has become a Chief Minister on bail from a Chief Minister in jail. What influence, reputation, and stature is left of this corrupt Chief Minister who will have to report to the investigation officer of the case every Monday and Thursday?" he asked.

The Congress alleged that investigation agencies had been misused for targeting political opponents. Asked about the Supreme Court comparing the CBI to "caged parrot", Congress spokesperson Supriya Shrinate said, "I don't want to comment on this *per se*, but I would only say that in the last 10 years, agencies have been misused against political opponents."

Welcoming the bail order, Samajwadi Party president Akhilesh Yadav termed it "victory of Constitution". He described Mr. Kejriwal as a "popular and pro-public welfare" Chief Minister and accused the BJP of being against the Constitution". The Left parties and the Rashtriya Janata Dal also hailed the verdict and accused the BJP of misusing probe agencies for suppressing its political opponents.
(With agency inputs)

Accused has right to be silent during interrogation: judge

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

Supreme Court judge Justice Ujjal Bhuyan in his separate opinion allowing bail to Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Friday, upheld the right of an accused to remain silent during interrogation.

Justice Bhuyan, who was part of the two-judge Bench headed by Justice Surya Kant, observed that an investigating agency cannot presume guilt or make an adverse inference against an accused who chose to remain mum.

"An accused has the right to remain silent; he cannot be compelled to make inculpatory statements against himself. No adverse inference can be drawn from the silence of the accused," Justice Bhuyan stressed.

Justice Bhuyan invoked Article 20(3) of the Constitution, which mandated that an accused person must not be compelled to be a witness against himself. The judge observed that the protection against self-incrimination was not restricted to testimonies in court but also during the pre-trial stage, including at the time of interrogation by the police or a law enforcement agency.

Justice Bhuyan distinguished between an investigating agency's power to arrest with the need to arrest, saying deprivation of the personal liberty of an individual by throwing him into jail "scars forever".

"Power to arrest is one thing but the need to arrest is altogether a different thing," Justice Bhuyan referred to judicial precedents of the top court championing liberty in his separate opinion on Friday. He deprecated the attitude "to arrest first and then proceed with the rest".

High Courts should not sit on bail pleas, says top court

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday held that a High Court must either relegate bail petitions to the trial court concerned then and there or promptly hear them on merits as the right to personal liberty was at stake.

A Bench of Justices Surya Kant and Ujjal Bhuyan made the observation in a judgment granting bail to Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal in the excise policy case. The top court was addressing the argument by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) that Mr. Kejriwal's bail application must be sent back to the trial court where chargesheets were filed.

Justice Bhuyan pointed out that the Delhi High Court, which Mr. Kejriwal had approached for interim bail, took a whole month, and then thought it best to send the Chief Minister to the trial court for the relief.

The judge, in his separate opinion, said the High Court issued notice on Mr. Kejriwal's petition on July 5 and went on to hear the case on July 17. The case was again listed for hearing on July 29, at the end of which it was reserved for judgment. It took the High Court seven more days to deliver the judgment on August 5. The verdict saw the High Court not decide the bail application on merits, choosing to give Mr. Kejriwal "liberty to approach the Special Judge for regular bail saying that such a course of action would be more beneficial to the appellant".

'Liberty at stake'

"If an accused approaches the High Court directly without first seeking relief from the trial court, it is generally appropriate for the High Court to redirect them to the trial court at the threshold. Nevertheless, if there are significant delays following notice, it may not be prudent to relegate the matter to the trial court at a later stage. Bail being closely tied to personal liberty, such claims should be adjudicated promptly on their merits, rather than oscillating between courts" Justice Kant noted.

However, Justice Kant touched upon a "general understanding" that an accused ideally should approach the trial court first for bail as he would get the benefit of multiple tiers of appeal. Besides, the trial judge could peruse the chargesheet and form a *prima facie* opinion about various factors such as gravity of the offence, degree of involvement of the accused, the background and vulnerability of the witnesses, among others, Justice Kant reasoned.

Rights groups slam Centre over delay in filling NHRC posts

Ishita Mishra
NEW DELHI

The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has not had a full-time chairperson since June and has only one member to fill five positions. Human rights groups are warning that the delay in filling vacant posts will hurt India's global reputation.

The NHRC Chairperson's post has been lying vacant for three-and-a-half months, since former Supreme Court Justice Arun Mishra retired from the position on June 1.

The country's top human rights body should have a chairperson as well as five other full-time members. However, the full weight of responsibilities currently lies on the shoulders of Vijayabharathi Sayani, who is NHRC's sole full-time member and was appointed as the Acting Chairperson on June 5. She also fulfils the requirement for a woman member in the panel. The Commission also has seven ex-officio or deemed members.

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'Lack of transparency'

Earlier this year, the Geneva-based UN-linked Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions (GANHRI) deferred the NHRC's accreditation for the second year in a row. The Geneva-based group cited several reasons, including the lack of transparency in appointing members to the Commission, and the poor gender and minority representation of the panel.

Amnesty International noted out that almost five months after the GANHRI deferred the NHRC's 'A' status, the Union Home Ministry has been unable to complete the formal recruitment of members to the Commission, and now has delayed the appointment of a Chairperson.

"The delay in holding a free and fair recruitment is symbolic of the NHRC's and Indian government's clear lack of political will to act and apparent reluctance to effectively respond to and address the deteriorating human rights violations in the country and to uphold transparency and accountability," says Aakar Patel, who chairs Amnesty International India's board.

The U.S. State Department's 2023 human rights report has flagged dozens of different kinds of human rights abuses in India, including extrajudicial killings, enforced disappearances, arbitrary arrests and detentions.

Meenakshi Ganguly, deputy director of Human Rights Watch's Asia division, said that the Indian government should not only appoint an NHRC chief but should also ensure that the Commission is independent and properly resourced.

'Centre seeks to promote use of Hindi amicably, no provision for punishment'

Vijaita Singh
NEW DELHI

The government has not accepted a proposal made by a parliamentary committee on official languages to record adverse remarks in annual performance reports of officials who do not work in Hindi.

Anshuli Arya, Secretary, Official Languages Division, Union Home Minstry said on Friday that in the past, the committee has made such recommendation on one or two occasions that an entry should be made in the annual confidential report of government officials on usage of Hindi. "The recommendation was not accepted by the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT). The Union government's policy is to promote and encourage the use of Hindi amicably. There is no provision to punish anyone,"

> DoPT did not accept recommendation of House panel to record adverse remarks in annual performance reports of officials who do not work in Hindi
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> **ANSHULI ARYA**
> Secretary, Official Languages Division, MHA

Ms. Arya said at a press conference on the eve of the 75th foundation year celebration of Official Languages Division or Rajbhasha Vibhag.

The fourth Akhil Bharatiya Rajbhasha Sammelan to commemorate the completion of 75 years of Hindi becoming the official language will be inaugurated by Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday.

The committee was first constituted under the provisions of Section 4 of the Official Languages Act, 1963, back in 1976. It comprises 30 Members of Parliament, out of which 20 are from the Lok Sabha and 10 from the Rajya Sabha. It has been headed by Home Minister Amit Shah since 2019.

As per norms, the panel submits its reports to the President, following which the OL division seeks views from the stakeholders. So far, 12 reports have been prepared by the committee and the President's directives have been received on nine reports.

"The reports are deliberated upon and any order does not have the scope to hurt anyone. The recommendations that are accepted should be in consonance with the composite culture of the country," Ms. Arya said.

The officer added that a new department called Bharatiya Bhasha Anubhag (BBA) is being set up that will bring the regional languages to the centre stage.

She added that the OL Rules specify the Centre's language of correspondence with Region A, B and C States. The Rules state that communications from a Union government office to Region 'C' States such as Tamil Nadu, Kerala, and Karnataka shall be in English.

"If we have to send a letter to C States, then it will be in English. The C States feel that their own language is not able to come to the centre stage. The Prime Minister has worked on the aspect as his speeches are translated instantaneously. We are creating the BBA for universal translation. We have roped in the Centre For Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC)," she said.

India broadens dialogue with interim govt. in Bangladesh

Kallol Bhattacherjee
NEW DELHI

In a bid to regularise ties with Bangladesh after the Sheikh Hasina-led government fell last month, India has gradually broadened its engagement with the interim government in Dhaka led by Chief Adviser Mohammed Yunus. Starting September 2, High Commissioner Pranay Verma has met with the advisers in charge of various key departments in the interim administration.

Mr. Verma met with Lt. General Jehangir Alam Chaudhury (Retd), Bangladesh's adviser for home affairs, on September 2 to discuss "potential engagement to advance bilateral security cooperation". A statement from the High Commission of India said that they had "exchanged views on border management, capacity building, and safety and security of Indian nationals and students in Bangladesh."

This was followed by a September 7 meeting with the adviser on energy affairs, Mohammad Fauzul Kabir Khan, to discuss several development projects involving Indian partnership, as well as sub-regional power connectivity. This gained significance in the context of the controversy over the Adani Group's power supplies to Bangladesh.

Mr. Verma then held meetings with Salehuddin Ahmed, the adviser on economic affairs, and Farida Akhtar, the fisheries adviser earlier this week.

Shah launches 2-day security strategy meet

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated a two-day National Security Strategies Conference on Friday to chalk out solutions to emerging national security challenges.

It brings together a "mix of senior police leadership managing security challenges, young officers working at the cutting-edge level, and domain experts in specialised fields", the Ministry said.

BJP's OBC leader joins Cong. ahead of Haryana polls

The Hindu Bureau
GURUGRAM

Karan Dev Kamboj

Former Haryana Minister Karan Dev Kamboj, who recently resigned as the OBC Morcha president of the BJP's State unit, on Friday joined the Congress, accusing the saffron party of treating the backward community as a mere vote bank but not willing to give rights to them.

One of the first Haryana BJP leaders to resign from all party posts soon after it released its first list of candidates on September 4, Mr. Kamboj, in his resignation letter, had alleged that the party had given up the ideals of Deendayal Upadhyaya and Syama Prasad Mukherjee and preferred the traitors.

His resignation just days before the Assembly election could harm the BJP's electoral prospects along its stronghold GT Karnal Road belt comprising Kurukshetra, Yamuna Nagar, Karnal, and Panipat districts, especially with the saffron party banking heavily on the OBC votes in these areas. Mr. Kamboj said the BJP did not respect the public and its own workers and leaders. He said the Scheduled Castes and the Backward Classes would unite to destroy the arrogance of BJP and form the Congress government.

Welcoming him and others to the Congress, former Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda said they had taken the right decision at the right time. "Through its decisions and policies, the BJP has made it clear that it suffered from anti-SC and anti-OBC mentality. That is why its biggest OBC leader had to quit the party," he said.

Mr. Kamboj was seeking BJP ticket from either Indri or Radaur Assembly seats. The BJP fielded turncoat Shyam Singh Rana and Ram Kumar Kashyap from Radaur and Indri, respectively. Taking a dig at BJP, Mr. Kamboj, in his resignation, had said the party probably did not need loyalists any more. In a video Mr. Kamboj snubbed Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini who had gone to placate him and refused to shake hands with him.

Doctors urge President, PM to intervene in Kolkata case

Mamata announces financial relief of ₹2 lakh to kin of those who died due to 'disruption of health services'; senior doctors threaten strike if State govt. takes any action against protesting medics

Shiv Sahay Singh
KOLKATA

Protesters stage a demonstration outside the Swasthya Bhavan in Kolkata on Friday. PTI

A day after talks between protesting resident doctors and West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee failed to take place over the insistence of the doctors to livestream the discussion, the State government on Friday announced financial relief for the families of those who died due to the "disruption" of health services. The doctors have been on a strike over the rape and murder of a woman doctor at the R.G. Kar Medical College and Hospital in Kolkata.

Ms. Banerjee said that "29 precious lives have been lost due to disruption in health services because of long-drawn cease work by junior doctors". "In order to extend a helping hand to the bereaved families, the State Government announces a token financial relief of ₹2 lakh to family members of each deceased person," she wrote on social media. The protesting resident doctors have rejected the claims by the State government that patients were dying because of their strike.

In another development, the Kolkata Police have registered a case of unnatural death after a four-year-old child died at the N.R.S. Medical College and Hospital. According to a senior officer of the Kolkata Police, no paediatrician was present at the hospital when the child was brought in for treatment.

The protesting junior doctors have written to President Droupadi Murmu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi seeking their intervention in the imbroglio. "In these sordid times and the grim circumstances, we humbly place the aforementioned issues before your Esteemed Excellency, as the Head of State, so that our unfortunate colleague who has been the victim of the most despicable crime shall receive justice, and so that we, the healthcare professionals under the West Bengal Health Department, may be able to discharge our duties to the public without fear of apprehension," read the letter addressed to the President by the West Bengal Junior Doctors' Front.

The resident doctors, who have been protesting outside Swasthya Bhavan, the State Health Department headquarters, continued their stir on Friday. They demanded removal of Kolkata Police Commissioner and officials of the Health Department.

Senior doctors of State-run hospitals have come in support of the protesting doctors and warned the State government that if any action is taken against the resident doctors, they will also join the strike.

During the day, Trinamool Congress leader Kunal Ghosh said some opposition political forces have hatched a conspiracy to attack the protesting junior doctors to defame the government and the ruling party. Mr. Ghosh played an audio clip at a press conference in which two persons are heard planning to "attack the junior doctors on their return from the State Secretariat".

Plea denied

On Friday, a city court turned down the CBI's appeal to conduct a narco analysis test on the prime accused in the rape and murder. Sanjay Roy, the accused, is lodged at a correctional home in Kolkata. The permission of the accused is required for a narco analysis test. Mr. Roy initially agreed to take the test but later changed his mind, CBI sources said.

INBRIEF

Mahua Moitra files complaint with Lokpal against SEBI chief

Trinamool Congress MP Mahua Moitra on Friday lodged a complaint with the Lokpal against SEBI chairperson Madhabi Puri Buch alleging "*quid pro quo* arrangements which potentially threaten national interests". "My LokPal complaint against Ms. Puri-Buch been filed electronically & in physical form. LokPal must within 30 days refer it to CBI/ED for a preliminary investigation and then a full FIR enquiry," she posted on X. The U.S. short-seller Hindenburg Research in August said SEBI's unwillingness to act against the Adani Group may be because Ms. Buch had stakes in offshore funds linked to the conglomerate. PTI

Kashmir Muslim bodies' amalgam opposes Waqf Bill

An amalgam of Muslim religious bodies, the Mutahida Majlis-e-Ulema (MMU), has written a detailed letter to the Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) and opposed the Waqf (Amendment) Bill, 2024. In the letter, the MMU has "illustrated deep concerns and apprehension" about the Bill and requested a meeting of the MMU delegates with the JPC, an MMU spokesman said. "People should stay alert to the issue as it concerns our very religious existence and institutions," he said. Meanwhile, authorities allegedly barred Hurriyat chairman Mirwaiz Umar Farooq, also Valley's chief cleric, from attending the MMU's meeting in Srinagar. "It's unfortunate that repeatedly I am being targeted and detained. It belies the claims of normalcy," the Mirwaiz said.

Centre tells Manipur panel to submit report by Nov. 20

The three-member Commission of Inquiry (CoI) notified last year by the Ministry of Home Affairs to probe the Manipur ethnic violence has been asked to submit its report to the Union government as soon as possible, but not later than November 20. The CoI has received around 11,000 affidavits comprising "statement, allegation or complaint" so far. The last date to submit the affidavits was January 24. On June 4, 2023, the Ministry appointed the CoI headed by Ajai Lamba, former Chief Justice of the Gauhati High Court. The other members are Himanshu Shekhar Das, a retired IAS official, and Aloka Prabhakar, a former IPS officer. According to the notification, the CoI was expected to submit its report as soon as possible but not later than six months from the date of its first sitting. The CoI held its first sitting on November 20, 2023. On Wednesday, the Ministry issued a notification amending the provision. The notification said, "The Commission shall submit its report to the Central Government as soon as possible but not later than the 20th November, 2024."

ICF, maker of Vande Bharat, is Changemaker of the Year

Businessline Bureau
NEW DELHI

In a glittering ceremony marked by a pulsating percussion performance by Sumesh Narayanan and a stirring account of an adventurous feat by sailor Abhilash Tomy, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman presented *The Hindu businessline*'s Changemaker of the Year award to the Integral Coach Factory (ICF), the manufacturer of the Vande Bharat train, for redefining travel for Indians.

Teacher, inventor, entrepreneur and mentor Ashok Jhunjhunwala, under whose stewardship the IIT-Madras Research Park developed dozens of cutting-edge technologies and spawned several start-ups, was crowned Iconic Changemaker of the Year.

Receiving the award on behalf of the ICF, U. Subba Rao, its General Manager, said: "The PM asked us to put out more such trains in the fastest time. We are proud to say that 12 more trains will be rolled out across India."

Nirmala Sitharaman presenting the award to ICF GM U. Subba Rao in New Delhi. With them are THG Publishing Chairperson Nirmala Lakshman and businessline Editor Raghuvir Srinivasan. R.V. MOORTHY

Seven categories

The sixth edition of the event saw awards being given in seven categories – Digital Transformation, Social Transformation, Financial Transformation, Young Changemaker, Iconic Changemaker, Changemaker of the Year, and the Chairperson's Award. The Digital Transformation winner was the Goa-based Molbio Diagnostics, which is helping in early detection of infectious diseases by bringing critical diagnostics services right to people's doorsteps.

In Social Transformation, there were two winners – the Wildlife Trust of India, a name synonymous with the right to passage for elephants and an organisation that has rescued and rehabilitated bears, rhinos, elephants, vultures, whale sharks and more; and Design for Change, a movement started by the Ahmedabad-based Kiran Bir Sethi, which works to make children the future changemakers of the world.

The Financial Transformation award was given to Mann Deshi Mahila Sahakari Bank, which has transformed the financial landscape for rural women. India's youngest chess world championship challenger, D. Gukesh, got the Young Changemaker award.

Earlier, inaugurating the event, Nirmala Lakshman, Chairperson of THG Publishing Private Limited, said, "Impactful change begins with vision." She added, "Changemakers are those who strive to change the present paradigm."

The 2024 awards function was presented by Sastra as presenting partner and powered by SBI. The event was also supported by associate partners LIC, J&K Bank, NTPC, Union Bank of India, NMDC, Essar, Punjab & Sind Bank, Swelect Energy and Indian Bank. Casagrand was the realty partner, while Fortinet was the cybersecurity partner. NDTV 24x7 was the television partner. The knowledge partners were Ashoka and Deloitte, while the validation partner was NIITI Consulting. The online streaming partner was DailyHunt.

'India literacy in Australia can unlock bilateral potential'

Lisa Singh, the CEO of the Australia-India Institute, says a better understanding among Australian businesses about how to engage with India could boost the economic relationship between the two countries; she also highlights the opportunities for New Delhi and Canberra to take up a leadership role in maritime domain awareness, humanitarian assistance, climate change and disaster relief

INTERVIEW

Lisa Singh

Narayan Lakshman

Lisa Singh, the CEO of the Australia-India Institute, a leading research and policy think tank dedicated to supporting and understanding the bilateral cooperation, is a former Australian Senator and was the first woman of South Asian heritage to be elected to the Australian Parliament.

She is in India to meet with a wide range of stakeholders invested in the development of the Indian Ocean and the Indo-Pacific region, and to deepen the footprint of the research- and policy-focused fellowship that the AI Institute offers.

She discusses some of the key areas of focus for Canberra and New Delhi as they seek to lift bilateral ties to an ever-higher level. Excerpts:

The Sixth India-Australia Maritime Security Dialogue recently took place, covering issues such as maritime domain awareness, humanitarian assistance, disaster relief, regional engagements, and the sustainable use of maritime resources. Could you elaborate on the longer arc of cooperation in this area between India and Australia? What more could the two countries do together, and what impact should they aim to achieve?

The issues raised during the dialogue were highly relevant not just for the Indian Ocean but also for the Pacific Ocean. Given that Australia is a country situated between two oceans – the Indian and Pacific – there's a significant role we must play in leadership across various issues like maritime domain awareness, humanitarian assistance, climate change, and disaster relief in both regions.

Considering Australia's unique position between these two oceans, how important is India as a partner in tackling these regional issues?

India is an obvious and trusted partner in this regard. Our relationship has evolved significantly from where it was during the Cold War era when we were on opposite sides of the geopolitical spectrum. Now, we have a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership (CSP), which strengthens our bilateral relationship. The CSP brings together important aspects such as ministerial-level discussions – our 2+2 dialogue between the Foreign Ministers and the Defence Ministers is a clear example of that.

How do you assess the progress made in broader economic cooperation under the CSP rubric?

The economic relationship between India and Australia is not where it could be, despite some progress under the Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement (ECTA). While it's good that tariffs have been removed, and we're trading more produce, I believe we could be doing much better. One major issue is the lack of understanding among Australian businesses about how to engage with India. We call this "India literacy", and it's something that needs more focus if we are to unlock the full potential of our economic relationship.

The ministerial two-plus-two dialogue outlines key areas of cooperation between India and Australia. But what more can be done beyond this to strengthen the relationship, especially in supporting the broader Indo-Pacific region?

The 2+2 dialogue is essential in strengthening our bilateral ties. However, as a think tank, we argue that India and Australia must go beyond just supporting each other and focus on supporting the Indo-Pacific region. Both nations want a peaceful, rules-based Indo-Pacific, and we should enhance our multilateral engagement in organisations like the Indian Ocean Commission (IOC) and the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA). India is already playing a role in these forums, and Australia should consider becoming an observer country in the IOC.

Australia and India recently held a dialogue on island states in Kolkata. What were some of the key outcomes from that discussion?

The Kolkata Dialogue was a ground-breaking discussion between Australia and India, focusing on supporting island states. It touched on issues like economic coercion and disinformation campaigns, particularly in smaller island states. However, one key takeaway was that no island leaders were present at the dialogue, which is something we plan to address in the next iteration of the dialogue, scheduled to be held in Fiji next year. Our aim is to bring in island leaders from both the Indian Ocean and the Pacific to hear directly from them about what they need from trusted partners like India and Australia.

You mentioned that Australian businesses have been slow to engage with India. How do you see this changing, and what needs to be done?

There is definitely room for improvement. Australian businesses have traditionally focused on the U.S. and European markets, and more recently, China. However, they need to recognise that India is a key economic player, and the pandemic has shown us the importance of diversifying our supply chains. Sectors like critical minerals and renewable energy present major opportunities for both countries, but we need more awareness and education for businesses on both sides to engage more effectively.

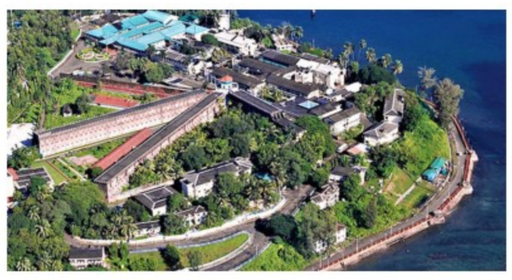
What role can education and research collaboration play in strengthening India-Australia ties?

Education and research collaboration are crucial pillars of the India-Australia relationship. We're already working on several initiatives, like the Women in STEM Fellowship, which fosters exchange between researchers from both countries. Additionally, we're exploring opportunities for vocational training in India, where Australian providers can help train Indian counterparts on the ground. These kinds of exchanges can significantly deepen our ties.

With inputs from Disha Bahety

(Full interview is available at bit.ly/lisasingh)

INBRIEF



Port Blair to be renamed Sri Vijaya Puram, says Amit Shah

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday said that Port Blair, the capital city of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, will be renamed Sri Vijaya Puram to "free the nation from colonial imprints". Announcing the decision on X, Mr. Shah said, "While the earlier name had a colonial legacy, Sri Vijaya Puram symbolises the victory achieved in our freedom struggle and the Andaman & Nicobar Islands' unique role in the same." The island territory that once served as the naval base of the Chola Empire is today poised to be the critical base for our strategic and development aspirations, the Union Minister added.

DRDO completes preliminary trials of indigenous light tank

The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully conducted the preliminary automotive trials of the Indian light tank, Zorawar, meant for deployment in high-altitude areas, it said on Friday. "During the field trials conducted in the desert terrain, the Light Tank demonstrated exceptional performance, efficiently meeting all the intended objectives. In the initial phase, the tank's firing performance was rigorously evaluated and it achieved the required accuracy," the DRDO said in a statement. The tank is expected to be handed over to the Army by August 2025, officials said. Zorawar has been developed by the DRDO in collaboration with Larsen & Toubro.

2 lakh places to be identified for cleanliness drive: Minister

The Centre will identify two lakh very difficult and dirty spots across the country and ensure their time-bound and result-oriented transformation as part of its flagship Swachh Bharat Mission. These spots, to be called Cleanliness Target Units, would be identified and mapped through a portal, Union Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Manohar Lal said on Friday. The campaign includes mega cleanliness drives at various sites like tourist locations, public buildings, commercial areas, community toilets, public toilets, water bodies, zoos, and sanctuaries through collective action. As of now, 8,500 spots have already been identified.

Chouhan announces start of new phase of PMAY scheme

Rural Development Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan on Friday announced the launch of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana's (PMAY) next phase, which will begin with Prime Minister Narendra Modi distributing sanction letters to 20,000 beneficiaries in election-bound Jharkhand on September 15. Under the new phase, two crore houses will be constructed in rural areas and one crore in urban areas. The beneficiaries will also get other amenities such as drinking water, toilet facility, gas connection and power supply. "The total allocation for Jharkhand is 1.13 lakh houses," he said.

Railway Board Chairman flags shortage of manpower

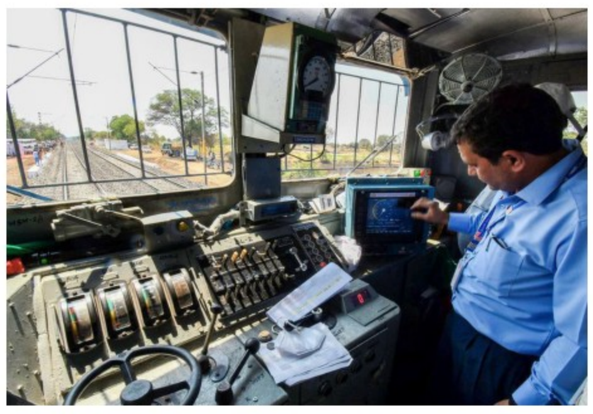
In a letter to the Finance Ministry, Satish Kumar highlights increase in new lines and trains, and emphasises need for creation of new posts; he says more staff needed for safe operation of trains

S. Vijay Kumar
CHENNAI

Days after taking charge as the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Railway Board, Satish Kumar has raised concerns about the critical issue of manpower shortages in the Indian Railways and sought additional staff "urgently" to ensure the safe operation of trains.

In a letter to the Finance Ministry, Mr. Kumar highlighted the exponential growth in railway infrastructure, particularly the increase in new lines and trains, and emphasised the need for the creation of new posts. "For effective monitoring and execution of various projects, maintenance of new assets, and the smooth and safe operation of trains, there is an urgent requirement for additional manpower in Indian Railways," he stated.

Mr. Kumar's concerns are set against the backdrop of a series of major accidents resulting in multiple fatalities across the railway network over the past two years. Filling the large number of vacancies across various departments, especially in safety-related roles, has been a long-standing demand of trade unions.



Stitch in time: Mr. Kumar's concerns are set against the backdrop of a series of major accidents over the past two years. NAGARA GOPAL

Increase in capex

He pointed out that creating new posts required approval from the Department of Expenditure, and noted the significant increase in capital expenditure by the Railways – from ₹1.48 lakh crore in 2019-20 to ₹2.62 lakh crore in 2023-24. This increased spending had led to a substantial rise in assets, necessitating adequate manpower for reliable, and safe train operations.

To meet the ambitious targets set for 2030, more trains would have to be operated, which required increased manpower for both train operations and infrastructure maintenance. The creation and expansion of new assets and lines in the Railways also necessitated adherence to all safety parameters for clearance by the Commissioner of Railway Safety.

Given that compliance with safety norms was paramount in train operations, outsourcing critical activities like maintenance of tracks, bridges, locomotives, coaches, wagons, and signalling equipment was not feasible. Therefore,

Mr. Kumar stressed the need for the Ministry of Railways to be granted authority to create non-gazetted posts in essential safety categories.

Underlining the urgent need for more manpower, Mr. Kumar noted that the number of locomotives increased from 11,739 in March 2019 to 15,564 in March 2024, which was a 59.86% increase. This growth was accompanied by a rise in the number of loco sheds, workshops, and running rooms (rest houses for train crews). Additional manpower was required to operate these locomotives for both passenger and freight trains and to maintain the associated assets.

Regarding passenger amenities, the number of escalators rose from 656 in March 2019 to 1,436 in March 2024, and the number of lifts increased by 196%. Electrification was completed over 63,456 km of route, compared to 35,488 km previously. On the revenue front, the Railways recorded a 40% increase in passenger earnings and a 31.4% increase in freight loading between 2019-20 and 2023-24, the Chairman said.

Ahead of Assembly polls, export curbs on onions, basmati eased

Vikas Dhoot
NEW DELHI

Workers sort onions at the APMC Market in Solapur. PTI

Almost 10 months after it prohibited onion exports, the Union government on Friday scrapped the minimum export price (MEP) mandate of $550 per metric tonne and halved the 40% export duty imposed on onion shipments in May. The change in stance comes ahead of Assembly elections in Maharashtra, the country's largest onion producer.

The government had banned the export of the politically sensitive kitchen staple last December, fearing domestic shortages after a weak monsoon. In March, the ban was extended till further orders, even as some shipments were allowed based on diplomatic requests from some countries.

Poll impact

Onion farmers had turned restive as these extended curbs coincided with high global prices and demand. In May, ahead of the Lok Sabha election in Maharashtra's onion farming hubs, onion exports were moved back from the 'prohibited' to 'free' category, albeit with the conditions of a 40% export duty and an MEP of $550 per tonne.

On Friday, the Commerce Ministry notified the removal of the MEP condition, within hours of which the Finance Ministry issued a diktat slashing the export duty on onions from 40% to 20%.

A similar MEP imposed on basmati rice exports last October, of $950 per tonne, was also scrapped through a separate order issued on Friday by the Department of Commerce. However, the order mandates the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) to closely monitor export contracts "for any non-realistic prices" in the case of basmati rice exports.

Meanwhile, another decision – to permit duty-free imports of yellow peas with no conditions attached – has been extended from its current October 31 sunset date, till December 31, this year.

Petition seeks awareness on crimes against women

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday sought the Centre's response on a public interest litigation to raise awareness in educational institutions about crimes against women, saying knee-jerk reactions like making punishments harsher after a gruesome crime is hardly a solution.

"The need of identifying the real cause of this crime is the first requirement. Once this is done, the next step would be to try to find measures to revolutionise the male mindset in the country and instill in them the fear of the law," the petition said.

The petition, filed by senior advocate Aabad Ponda, questioned the legality of laws that make death penalty mandatory.

Two Army personnel killed in gunfight with terrorists in Kishtwar

The Hindu Bureau
SRINAGAR

Two Army personnel, including a Junior Commissioned Officer, were killed and two injured in a gunfight with terrorists in the higher reaches of Jammu and Kashmir's Kishtwar district, security officials said on Friday.

An Army spokesperson said a contact was established with the hiding terrorists at 3.30 p.m. at Kishtwar's Chatroo. "Based on the intelligence inputs, a joint operation with the J&K Police was launched in Chatroo area at Kishtwar," the spokesman said.

Four Army personnel were injured in the gunbattle and two of them – JCO Naib Subedar Vipan Kumar and Sepoy Arvind Singh – later died of their injuries, the officials said. "GOC (General Officer Commanding) White Knight Corps and all ranks salute the supreme sacrifice of the bravehearts; offer deepest condolences to the families," the Army said.

Heavy fire

Earlier, the Army had said that contact was established and the search party exchanged a heavy volume of fire with the terrorists around 3.30 p.m.

"In the ensuing firefight four army personnel have been injured. The operation is in progress," the Jammu-based White Knight Corps said in a post on X. The officials said the injured soldiers were airlifted to an Army hospital after preliminary treatment at a local hospital.

(With PTI inputs)

NMC's revised guidelines for MBBS curriculum still has deficiencies, say activists

Bindu Shajan Perappadan
NEW DELHI

The National Medical Commission has reissued the Competency-Based Medical Education Curriculum (CBME-2024) guidelines for MBBS students.

Last month, the NMC withdrew the guidelines following protests by transgender and disability rights groups. The revised version too has come under fire. Activists said the 466-word document had no mention of key terms such as "dignity" and "transgender". They have now written to all stakeholders demanding immediate revision of the guidelines.

Satendra Singh, a disability rights activist, said while eight hours has been dedicated to "sports" in the two-week foundation course, there is no explicit mention of disability competencies that were mandatory in the 2019 curriculum (seven hours).

Rights groups want the reintroduction of the mandatory hours on disability competencies

Psychiatry continues to refer to "gender identity disorders" and physiology describes sexual differentiation or intersex variations as "abnormalities". Furthermore, paediatrics fails to address gender incongruence, dysphoria, or non-heterosexual orientations.

He further added that the subjects focus solely on the management of "disability" without acknowledging diversity. The revised document has dropped "lesbianism", "sodomy", and other such terms from the MBBS syllabus.

In the new syllabus, the medical body has included topics related to the histories of gender, and sexuality-based identities and rights in India, as well as the decriminalisation of adultery and consensual adult homosexual behaviour.

Disability and transgender rights groups have demanded the reintroduction of the mandatory hours on disability competencies, introduce provisions of Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 and the Transgender Persons Protection Act, 2019 in the curriculum of ethics.

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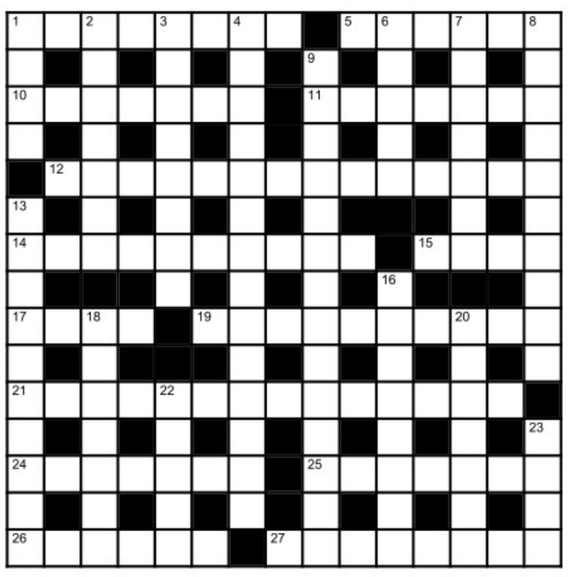

Across

1 Ran into Chinese people, ushering in most ancient spirit (8)
5 Local spirit from soldiers quarters, unopened (6)
10 Locally prevalent medicine, one consumed indiscriminately (7)
11 Arrogant royal, ignored by most rich, avoids socialising (7)
12 Noble queen, very sick, setting off (14)
14 Working lunch with a new item, individually (3,2,1,4)
15 It is vast, endless, starting from Istanbul and ending in Siberia! (4)
17 Jail mark (4)
19 Conventional sea tide (10)
21 Prudish English titles for men having style, ones like Blair or Sunak (5,9)
24 Love small number and a Greek alphabet (7)
25 Obscure LA haunt for native American (7)
26 Flimsy charge biller deducted regularly (6)
27 Fatness of a duck, very large, one with bit of swagger (8)

Down

1 Soldiers embodying unity and dignified manner (4)
2 Old ape working beyond time or younger, offensive version of a French fellow (7)
3 An explosive food for the plants (8)
4 Gold coffer supplies and logistics (14)
6 CV Sir returns greeting (5)
7 Leader of America with very loud unnatural manner and transactions (7)
8 Make girl move halfway around to measure (10)
9 Naive men bend to conform as referred to earlier (5-9)
13 Spooner beats top cover for something any good detective wants (10)
16 Unfair situation, puts away, suppresses desire! (6-2)
18 One most insecure, forgets about cooking food! (7)
20 Noble part of church, mainly used for gathering sounds (7)
22 Recruit looney loner (5)
23 Most luxurious sign (4)

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Trivikrama's gift to Mahabali

When He descended on earth as Vamana and took viswaroopam as Trivikrama, Bhagawan exemplified a quality of mercy that is unparalleled. He showed the world that a good asura, who is charitable, honourable, and values the act of charity as inviolable, is indeed beloved of the Lord, said Damal Perundevi.

When Aditi prayed for the safety of the devas from Mahabali, the Lord took avatar as Vamana. Short in stature, but a colossus in tejas, clad like a Brahmachari and carrying the umbrella and the kamandalam, when He arrived at Mahabali's yagasala, everyone was left dazzled. Mahabali asked what alms Vamana sought. Vamana's response was: "*Moovadimann undel arul* [If you have three feet of land, give]." Mahabali's guru Sukracharya stopped the king, saying, "*Ma dehi, ma dehi* (do not give)." The alms seeker was none other than God Himself, who had come to subdue Mahabali. The king thanked his guru for showing him that God was present and offered Vamana the three feet of land. Vamana at once grew in stature as Trivikrama, spearing the skies, placing one foot there and the second foot below the earth. When Trivikrama wondered where to measure the third foot of land, Mahabali offered his head, in total supplication. Trivikrama placed His foot on Mahabali, made him king of the nether world and blessed Him.

INBRIEF

NCLAT issues notice to IIHL on a plea by RCap lenders

The NCLAT on Friday issued a notice to IndusInd International Holdings Ltd (IIHL) over a plea filed by lenders of Reliance Capital seeking interest on the payment for the extended period. A three-member bench led by Chairperson Justice Ashok Bhushan directed the Hinduja Group firm, IIHL, to file a reply within two weeks. The National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) was hearing the petition from the Committee of Creditors (CoC) of RCap. PTI

Antitrust breaches: 'suspend Amazon, Flipkart operations'

A lawmaker of India's ruling party and a key retailers' group urged the government to suspend the operations of Amazon and Walmart's Flipkart in the light of antitrust breaches. Indian antitrust investigation reports, which are not public, found Amazon and Flipkart violated local competition laws by giving preference to select sellers and priority to certain listings, hurting competition, Reuters exclusively reported on Thursday. REUTERS

Laurus Labs' Hyderabad API unit completes USFDA audit

Drugmaker Laurus Labs' active pharmaceutical ingredients (API) manufacturing facility in Hyderabad's Genome Valley has completed an audit of the US Food and Drug Administration (US FDA) without any observation. The audit, conducted from September 9 to 13, concluded with zero Form 483 observations. The inspection focused on evaluating the facility's adherence to global regulatory requirements and best practice. This facility is instrumental in developing APIs, the company said on Friday.

'All allegations are false, malicious, and motivated'

SEBI chairperson Buch, her spouse issue statement rebutting all charges; assert 'Madhabi had not dealt with any files tied to Wockhardt', an associate of which had leased property from the couple

Lalatendu Mishra
MUMBAI

Securities & Exchange Board of India (SEBI) chairperson Madhabi Puri Buch and her spouse Dhaval Buch on Friday rejected all the recent allegations made by the opposition Congress party terming them "false, malicious and motivated".

Issuing a point-by-point rebuttal, which included statements by firms that were clients of Mr. Buch and had been named in the allegations, they said "it appears that the allegations are being made in instalments, only to keep the pot boiling."

'Motivated charges': Buchs said the charges were based on their IT returns, in which 'all matters had been fully disclosed'. REUTERS

They said the charges were based on IT returns, and so, "all matters have been fully disclosed and taxes duly paid."

On rental income they received from a Wockhardt Ltd. associate they said, "The property was leased out in the normal course. The lessee happened to be an associate of Wockhardt, a listed company" under SEBI's investigation.

"Madhabi has not dealt with any files related to Wockhardt... The Chairperson is usually not aware of specific cases, as they are handled in the normal course by designated officials as per delegation of powers," they asserted.

SEBI closes co-location case against NSE, officials

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on Friday closed proceedings against the National Stock Exchange (NSE) and seven of its former employees, including erstwhile CEO Chitra Ramakrishna, in the co-location matter, ruling it found no evidence of collusion between OPG Securities and the 'noticees'.

In a separate order, SEBI ordered OPG to disgorge ₹85.3 crore towards unlawful gain from "consistently connecting to the secondary server of the NSE Co-location facility."

Couriered shipments to enjoy export benefits

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

To boost e-commerce sales abroad, the Government extended export benefits to all goods shipped out via courier, and plans to bring in postal route sales into their ambit too.

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs amended the Courier Imports and Exports Regulations, 2010, making such foreign sales eligible for benefits under three export support schemes – RoDTEP, RoSCTL and duty-drawback.

'Recognise change makers to spur momentous change India needs'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Friday made a passionate pitch for bringing out exemplary stories about Indians working on the ground to transform the country. She said this will inspire others and trigger a "momentous change" needed to make the country better.

"India is rich in its environment diversity and we have more to do on that. One can always talk a lot on these topics, but those who are working on the ground, not just talking, but bringing transformational change must be recognised. And I appreciate *The Hindu Group* and *businessline* for doing exactly that," she said after presenting 'The Hindu *businessline* Change Maker Awards, 2024'.

Call for change: India has made immense progress but there are many more things that must change, says the FM. BIJOY GHOSH

Ms. Sitharaman, who was the chief guest for the award ceremony, said that while the country has made immense progress of late, there are many more things that must change.

Human-animal conflict

"We need to be a better country. We need to have better facilities for our people and the quality of life will have to change. The environment consciousness will have to change as well as wildlife preservation efforts. We need to apply our minds to resolving human-animal conflict too," she averred.

"Since COVID, this drive in people to improve their lot but also their neighbourhood.. in India has become distinct," she added.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	FRIDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	82,891	-0.09
US Dollar	83.92	0.05
Gold	75,550	1.61
Brent oil	72.11	-0.05

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	2968.35	-22.65
Adani Ports	1452.10	-20.50
Apollo Hosp	7019.15	-42.65
Asian Paints	3358.05	-25.20
Axis Bank	1217.45	14.10
Bajaj Auto	11737.15	13.65
Bajaj Finserv	1894.45	39.60
Bajaj Finance	7598.50	170.20
Bharti Airtel	1634.45	-12.30
BPCL	342.30	-2.00
Britannia Ind	6133.10	23.85
Cipla	1659.70	2.45
Coal India	490.25	-5.40
Divis Lab	5498.65	15.85
Dr Reddys Lab	6660.70	-23.15
Eicher Motors	4858.30	-16.70
Grasim Ind	2784.35	27.25
HCL Tech	1812.80	5.20
HDFC Bank	1665.95	-0.65
HDFC Life	705.40	-9.15
Hero MotoCorp	5795.80	-7.35
Hindalco	673.25	-2.95
Hind Unilever	2932.95	-23.45
ICICI Bank	1250.35	-1.80
IndusInd Bank	1464.05	20.70
Infosys	1944.10	-6.35
ITC	513.85	-5.65
JSW Steel	954.55	-0.25
Kotak Bank	1820.35	-7.10
L&T	3613.00	-9.00
LTIMindtree Ltd.	6416.20	23.85
M&M	2739.10	-1.80
Maruti Suzuki	12316.05	-84.80
NestleIndia	2531.40	3.55
NTPC	401.40	-3.45
ONGC	291.45	-2.60
PowerGrid Corp	337.25	-0.95
Reliance Ind	2945.25	-14.35
SBI Life	1846.50	-29.45
State Bank	790.85	3.10
Shriram Finance Ltd.	3368.25	-32.50
Sun Pharma	1853.75	-11.65
TataConsumerProduct	1210.30	-12.45
Tata Motors	992.10	5.95
Tata Steel	153.49	1.75
TCS	4522.60	4.90
Tech Mahindra	1656.05	12.80
Titan	3767.00	2.75
UltraTech Cement	11717.95	7.70
Wipro	550.60	20.55

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on September 13

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	83.69	84.01
Euro	92.75	93.11
British Pound	109.82	110.25
Japanese Yen (100)	59.41	59.64
Chinese Yuan	11.79	11.84
Swiss Franc	98.81	99.19
Singapore Dollar	64.39	64.65
Canadian Dollar	61.60	61.84
Malaysian Ringitt	19.44	19.55
Australian Dollar	56.10	56.31

Source:Indian Bank

Das flags non-bank expansion risk in financial intermediation

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Shaktikanta Das said the proliferation of non-bank institutions in financial intermediation may create risks to financial stability due to size, complexity and interconnectedness with local and global financial systems.

"In recent years, a number of vulnerabilities have emerged in NBFIs in advanced economies, contributing to periods of market dysfunction," Mr. Das said. "Hidden leverage and liquidity mismatches of these institutions can amplify shocks and propagate strains throughout the financial system," he added.

Shaktikanta Das

He was speaking at an event held by the Bretton Woods Committee, Singapore. Mr. Das also said private credit, which grew fourfold in the last 10 years, emerged as a major source of corporate financing among middle-market firms with low or negative earnings, high leverage, and lack of high-quality collateral.

"Proliferation of this asset class, along with intensifying competition with investment banks on larger deals, may shift supply-demand dynamics and result in poorer underwriting standards " he said.

"As a consequence, the probability of credit losses can rise," Mr. Das added.

On the stress in the global commercial real estate (CRE), he said banks were seen exhibiting high sensitivity to expected and unexpected CRE losses due to the relatively high CRE coverage ratios in loan books.

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1.	**LARONIDASE** for Injection (2.9mg/5ml)	**10** vial	**26.09.24 5.00 pm.**	**28.09.24 11.00 am.**
2.	**IDURUSULFASE** for IV use (6mg/3ml)	**10** vial		
3.	**AGALSIDASE BETA** for IV use (35mg)	**10** vial		
4.	**AGALSIDASE ALFA** for IV use (3.5mg)	**10** vial		
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2. Class of Contractor
c) Estimated cost more than Rs.6.00 Crore & upto Rs.50.00 Crore : Special Class (of Odisha PWD) & relevant class of other licensing authorities.
d) Estimated cost more than Rs.1.00 Crore & upto Rs.20.00 Crore : A Class (of Odisha PWD) & relevant class of other licensing authorities.
c) Estimated cost more than Rs.20.00 Lakh & upto Rs.3.00 Crore : B Class (of Odisha PWD) & relevant class of other licensing authorities.
3. Time for Completion : As specified in the Column-7 of the Annexure
4. Detail Projects : As per Annexure attached
5. Other Details :

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender on-line for bidding From	To	Last Date & Time of seeking tender clarification	Date & Time of opening of tender Technical Bid	Financial Bid
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Cuttack.	Tender Online RWC - 18/24	18.09.2024 at 10.30 A.M.	03.10.2024 up to 05.30 P.M	03.10.2024 up to 02.00 P.M	04.10.2024 at 10.30 A.M	Will be intimated later

Further details can be seen from the website **www.tendersodisha.gov.in** .

Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Cuttack.

O-284: OIPR-25097/11/0006/2425

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CSIR- INDIAN INSTITUTE OF CHEMICAL BIOLOGY
(Council of Scientific & Industrial Research)
4, Raja S. C. Mullick Road, Jadavpur, Kolkata-700 032 (w.b.) India

SHORT TENDER NOTICE

CSIR-Indian Institute of Chemical Biology, Kolkata intends to invite online tenders (e-Tenders) from eligible contractors / firms for the following Electrical and associated works at CSIR-IICB, Jadavpur & Salt Lake Campus, Kolkata :

Name of Work	e-Tender No.	Estimated Cost
Structural repair and retrofitting of RCC slab and associated electrical works of Library room	2024_CSIR_208113_1	₹ 24.20 Lakh
Miscellaneous Electrical Maintenance Work	2024_CSIR_204758_1	₹ 9.00 Lakh
Comprehensive Annual Maintenance Contract for different makes and models Split type (Inverter and Non-Inverter) Air Conditioning units	2024_CSIR_192693_1	₹ 7.942 Lakh
Servicing, Maintenance and Modification of Two number Capacitor Panel	2024_CSIR_202536_1	₹ 4.95 Lakh
Non Comprehensive Annual Maintenance Contract for Fire Alarm & Public Address and Fire Fighting System including procurement of Consumable and spare parts	2024_CSIR_208083_1	₹ 3.5 Lakh
Provision of Energy Efficient Lighting Arrangement	2024_CSIR_197342_1	₹ 2.375 Lakh

NB : Publication in CPP, Date - **12th September 2024 and Time - 17:00 Hrs.**
For further details about eligibility criteria and other information visit website **www.iicb.res.in/tender.html/** and **https://etenders.gov.in/eprocure/app**

PV wholesales slid 2% in Aug. as OEMs cut dispatches

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Domestic passenger vehicle (PV) wholesales declined by about 2% year-on-year in August as companies curtailed dispatches to reduce inventory at dealers amid a drop in demand.

According to data issued by industry body Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM), the total PV dispatches in the domestic market stood at 3,52,921 units last month compared with 3,59,228 vehicles in August 2023, a dip of 1.8%. Two-wheeler wholesales rose 9% to 17,11,662 units last month against 15,66,594 units in the year-earlier period.

'Floods may cut jute production by 20%'

M. Soundariya Preetha
COIMBATORE

Jute production is expected to drop by 20% this financial year, said Shashi Bhushan Singh, Secretary of the National Jute Board.

Mr. Singh, who was in Coimbatore for an exposition organised by the Board, told *The Hindu* on Thursday that cultivation was affected in West Bengal and Assam on account of natural calamities this year. Floods had damaged the crop in some areas, impacting production.

There was potential to touch ₹4,500 crore in annual jute exports. It was ₹3,000 crore last financial year and was projected to be almost ₹3,500 crore during the current fiscal.

The Board was preparing a draft for Jute Technology Mission 2.0 and held meetings with stakeholders. It was also supporting research projects to find more applications for jute. Lab testing was completed for extracting ethanol from jute plants.

It was estimated one tonne of jute plant would give 495 litre of ethanol. There were plans to set up a pilot unit, he said. Another project was to make jute composite materials.

GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF GOVERNMENT PHARMACY
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE SERVICES

TENDER NOTICE

Online e-bids are invited from the eligible manufacturers/authorized agents for entering rate contracts for the following tenders for a period of one year.

Sl. No	Name of Tender	Tender Reference Number	Tender ID
1	Fixing Rate Contract towards supply of Medicines & Drugs to the Health Institutions in the U.T of Puducherry.	1402/CGP/ B4/ Medicine /RC/24-25	2024_HFWS_208189_1
2	Fixing Rate Contract towards supply of Ortho Implants to the Health Institutions in the U.T of Puducherry.	1402/CGP/ B4/Ortho/ RC/24-25	2024_HFWS_208199_1
3	Fixing Rate Contract towards supply of Surgical & Radiology items to the Health Institutions in the U.T of Puducherry.	1402/CGP/ B4/SUR/ RC / 24-25	2024_HFWS_208200_1
4	Fixing Rate Contract towards supply of Laboratory Consumables to the Health Institutions in the U.T of Puducherry.	1402/CGP/B4/Lab items/ RC/24-25	2024_HFWS_208201_1

The bidders may download the "Tender Document" and other details from the website **www.etenders.gov.in/eprocure/app**. The tender document may also be downloaded from our website **www.health.py.gov.in**. Last date for submission of bids is **12.10.2024 up to 17.30 hrs**.

No.208/DIP/AD(Press)/2024-25

(CHIEF OF GOVERNMENT PHARMACY)

BERLIN

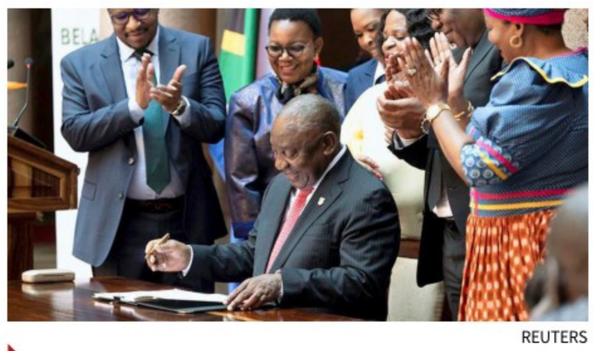
Two German naval ships sail into sensitive Taiwan Strait

AFP

Two German naval vessels were heading into the Taiwan Strait on Friday, the country's Defence Minister said in Berlin, in a voyage expected to spark a protest from Beijing. "And the message is a very simple one, which we have always supported... international waters are international waters," Boris Pistorius told presspersons. AFP

PRETORIA

South Africa President signs contested Bill in test for unity govt.



REUTERS

President Cyril Ramaphosa signed a disputed education Bill into law on Friday but delayed implementation of two clauses that had threatened to fracture South Africa's nearly three-month-old unity government. It was the first major test of the government of national unity forged after May elections. AFP

JERUSALEM

UNRWA staffer 'shot and killed' in Israeli raid in occupied West Bank

AP

The UN agency for Palestinian refugees said on Friday Sufyan Jaber Abed Jawwad, one of its employees, was killed this week during an Israeli raid in the occupied West Bank, the first such death in more than a decade. UNRWA said the employee was "shot and killed on the roof of his home by a sniper". AFP

MOSCOW

Russian security chief Shoigu meets Kim Jong-un in N. Korea

AFP

The head of Russia's Security Council Sergei Shoigu met North Korean leader Kim Jong-un on Friday, Moscow said, weeks after the Kremlin signed a defence pact with Pyongyang. The visit comes as Moscow seeks ammunition to continue its offensive in Ukraine and as the West accuses Pyongyang of sending arms to Moscow. AFP

Biden, Starmer to discuss long-range weapons for Kyiv

Prime Minister Starmer's visit to Washington comes with Kyiv pushing for permission and Russia warning that giving Ukraine the green light would mean NATO was 'at war' with Moscow

Agence France-Presse
WASHINGTON

Keir Starmer, left, with U.K. Foreign Secretary David Lammy at the British Ambassador's residence in Washington on Friday. AP

The leaders of Britain and the United States meet on Friday in Washington on whether to let Kyiv fire Western-provided long-range missiles into Russia, an option that has sent tensions soaring with Moscow.

Prime Minister Keir Starmer's visit to President Joe Biden comes with Kyiv pushing for permission and Russia warning that giving Ukraine the green light would mean NATO was "at war" with Moscow.

Kremlin spokesperson Dmitry Peskov said President Vladimir Putin's warning was unambiguous: "We have no doubt that this statement has reached its recipients."

British media reported that Mr. Biden, who is wary of provoking a nuclear conflict, was ready to let Ukraine deploy British and French missiles using U.S. technology but not U.S.-made missiles themselves.

Responding to Mr. Putin's warning, Mr. Starmer told U.K. media travelling with him that "Russia started this conflict. Russia illegally invaded Ukraine. Russia can end this conflict straight away."

In a sign of increasing tensions, Russia's FSB security service announced on Friday that the accreditation of six British diplomats had been withdrawn and accused them of spying.

But London dismissed the claims as "completely baseless" and indicated they were a tit-for-tat measure after it slapped new restrictions on Russian diplomats in May.

The talks come at a time when Mr. Biden is on his way out of office and November's United States election is a toss-up between Democrat Kamala Harris and Republican Donald Trump.

Mr. Trump repeatedly refused to take sides on the war during a debate with Ms. Harris on Tuesday, saying only: "I want the war to stop."

Mr. Starmer is set to meet Mr. Biden in the Oval Office at 2030 GMT but has no scheduled meetings at this stage with Mr. Trump or Ms. Harris, both of whom will be on the campaign trail on Friday.

His visit is also aimed at papering over differences on the war in Gaza.

Mr. Starmer's government last week announced restrictions on some weapons to Israel, voicing concern that they could be used to violate international humanitarian law.

The White House has declined to criticise Britain's decision, but *Politico* reported that Washington had asked London what it would take to change its decision – with the answer being a ceasefire in Gaza.

WHO clears Bavarian Nordic's shot for Mpox

Reuters
GENEVA

The World Health Organisation said on Friday it had cleared Bavarian Nordic's vaccine as the first shot against Mpox.

The approval is an official list of medicines used as a benchmark for procurement by developing countries.

"This first prequalification of a vaccine against Mpox is an important step in our fight against the disease, both in the context of the current outbreaks in Africa, and in future," WHO Director-General Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said.

Mpox was declared a public emergency of international concern by WHO last month.

U.S. judge dismisses 3 counts in Trump 2020 election case

Agence France-Presse
WASHINGTON

Donald Trump

A Georgia judge on Thursday dismissed three of the counts in the indictment accusing former U.S. President Donald Trump and co-defendants of conspiring to overturn the results of the 2020 election in the southern state.

Two of the three charges thrown out by Fulton County Superior Court Judge Scott McAfee involved Mr. Trump, and he now faces a total of eight felony counts in Georgia.

Judge McAfee declined, however, to quash the entire indictment, which accuses the Republican presidential candidate and his allies of racketeering and other offences.

The three dismissed charges involved the filing of fake elector certificates with a federal court stating that Mr. Trump had won the election in Georgia, although he lost to Democrat Joe Biden by some 12,000 votes.

Judge McAfee said that under the Supremacy Clause of the Constitution, state prosecutors cannot bring a case for federal crimes. "The Supremacy Clause declares that state law must yield to federal law when the two conflict," the judge said in his order.

Mr. Trump had been charged with filing false documents and conspiring to file false documents.

The Georgia case has been frozen by an appeals court until it hears a bid by Mr. Trump and his co-defendants to disqualify Fani Willis, the Fulton County district attorney who brought the charges.

In March, judge McAfee rejected an attempt to disqualify Ms. Willis following revelations she had a romantic relationship with the man she hired as a special prosecutor.

Mr. Trump and his co-defendants appealed the ruling, and the Georgia Court of Appeals is to hear arguments in December.

Four of Trump's original co-defendants have pleaded guilty to lesser charges in deals that spared them prison time.

China Defence Minister calls for 'negotiation' in conflicts

Agence France-Presse
BEIJING

Dong Jun

Chinese Defence Minister Dong Jun said on Friday that "negotiation" was the only solution to conflicts such as the wars in Gaza and Ukraine as he addressed a global gathering of military officials in Beijing.

Top military representatives from Russia, Myanmar, Pakistan, Singapore, Iran and Germany are among more than 500 delegates in Beijing for the Xiangshan Forum, dubbed China's answer to the annual Shangri-La meeting in Singapore.

The three-day forum comes as Beijing increasingly presents itself as a mediator in global conflicts, including by sending envoys to the West Asia, brokering a temporary ceasefire in north Myanmar and last year, facilitating a historic rapprochement between Saudi Arabia and Iran. On Ukraine and Israel-Palestine, China presents itself as a more neutral actor than the United States.

Mr. Dong told the opening ceremony: "To resolve hotspot issues such as the crisis in Ukraine and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, promoting peace and negotiation is the only way out." "There is no winner in war and conflict, and confrontation leads nowhere," Mr. Dong said.

"The more acute the conflict, the more we cannot give up dialogue and consultation," he added.

Topics for discussion at the forum include U.S.-China relations, security in Europe and Asia, and the challenges of defence in a multipolar world.

49 POWs have returned from Russia, says Zelenskyy

Agence France-Presse
UKRAINE-BELARUS BORDER

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy announced on Friday that 49 Ukrainian POWs had been returned from Russia.

Mr. Zelenskyy did not clarify whether it was part of an exchange with Russia, as is usually the case.

It would be the second exchange between the warring countries since Kyiv's surprise incursion into Russia's Kursk region last month.

Mr. Zelenskyy said civilians were also among the returnees, including a "girl who was taken hostage.

Gunmen kill 14 in Afghanistan's Shia area in one of the deadliest attacks this year

Associated Press
ISLAMABAD

Gunmen killed 14 people in a Shia-majority area in central Afghanistan, the Taliban said on Friday, in one of the deadliest attacks in the country this year. Six other people were wounded in the assault.

The Islamic State group claimed responsibility before the Taliban acknowledged the shootings, which took place on Thursday and targeted people as they travelled between the Shia-majority provinces of Ghor and Daikundi.

A machine gun was used in the assault, the IS group said. It gave a higher death toll than the Taliban.

The Iranian news agency *IRNA* quoted Foreign Ministry spokesperson Nasser Kanaani as saying the group had targeted people welcoming Afghan Shias who were returning from visiting shrines in Iraq. He called for immediate action to punish those behind the crime.

The group's affiliate in the country has challenged authorities' grip on domestic security

The group's affiliate in the country, a major rival to the Taliban, has challenged authorities' grip on domestic security by attacking schools, hospitals, mosques and Shia areas during the past three years. The Taliban's chief spokesperson Zabihullah Mujahid strongly condemned Thursday's "barbaric action" and that authorities considered it their obligation to protect people and their property.

"We are also making serious efforts to search for the perpetrators and bring them to justice," he added.

Earlier this month, an IS suicide bomber detonated his explosive-laden vest at a prosecutor's office in the capital Kabul.

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44th ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING NOTICE

It is hereby notified that the 44th Annual General Body Meeting of the Society for the year 2023-24 will be held on Saturday the **21st September 2024 at 02.00 PM** at Bunts Sangha Auditorium, No.324, Bunts Sangha complex, Chord Road, Vijaya Nagar, Bengaluru - 560040. (Near Attiguppe Metro Station) Sri G. Babu, President of the Society will preside. All the Members and Associate Members are requested to kindly attend meeting. Notice is already sent by post.

For and on behalf of the Board of Management
Sd/- Secretary
Place: Bengaluru
Date: 13.09.2024
Telecom Employees' Co-Operative Housing Society Limited, Bengaluru-560020

KARNATAKA STATE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
5th Stage, 3rd Floor, M.S. Building,
Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Veedhi, Bengaluru - 560 001
No: HRC 199 ADM 2024 Date: 13.09.2024

BRIEF NOTIFICATION

Applications are invited for **02 posts of Legal Assistant / Research Assistant and 01 post of Driver** in the Karnataka State Human Rights Commission, to be filled temporarily on contract basis from eligible candidates, initially for a period of six months. Detailed Notification and application format is published on the website of the Commission www.kshrc.karnataka.gov.in **Last date for submitting application is 30.09.2024.**

Sd/-
Secretary (I/c)
Karnataka State Human Rights Commission
DIPR/CP/2004/MAA/24-25

Cauvery Neeravari Nigama Niyamitha
(A Govt of Karnataka Enterprises)
O/o The Executive Engineer, CNNL., KCD Division,
T. Narasipura, Mysuru District - 571124
Ph.No. 08227-261362 E-Mail eekcdtnp@yahoo.co.in

Short Term Tender Notification No. 05/2024-25, dated: 12-09-2024

Itemwise tenders are invited for 10 Works by the Executive Engineer, Kabini Canal Distributory Division, T. Narasipura, Mysuru District on behalf of the Managing Director CNNL Mysore from eligible registered contractors of PWD of any State/Central Government / and or enrolled in relevant category of CNNL & Compulsory registered under LWD, ESI & EPF departments of the Govt for the works related to supply of manpower. Works from Sl No 1 to 3 are reserved for the contractors belonging to SC and ST category. All the required documents are to be uploaded along with the tenders. Minimum amount put to tender for the work is Rs 8.78 Lakhs & Maximum amount put to tender for the work is Rs.354.61 Lakhs. Last date for tender queries / clarification is **18.09.2024** till 4.00 p.m., last date for online submission of tender with EMD is **19.09.2024** till 5.30 p.m. Date of opening of technical bids is **21.09.2024** at 11.00 a.m. Date of opening of financial bids is **25.09.2024** at 11.00 a.m. For further details, contact the above said during office hours and or by logging in https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/- Executive Engineer
DIPR/DDMYS-553/KSMCA-375/2024-25

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE
KARNATAKA STATE AIDS PREVENTION SOCIETY
Arogya Soudha, 4th Floor, 1st Cross, Magadi Road, Bangalore-560023.
Tel: 080-29557021 E-mail: pdksaps@gmail.com
No: KSAPS/PRC/05/2024-25 Date: 11.09.2024

INVITATION FOR TENDER THROUGH E-PROCUREMENT

Tender are invited for Supply of TPHA Kit & Lab item under E-Procurement System. Details are available at e-procurement website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**. Last date for submission of tender on **04.10.2024 at 5.30 P.M**

Sd/-
Project Director,
KSAPS, Bangalore
DIPR/CP/Span/1988/2024-25

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Re-TENDER NOTIFICATION
(e-procurement)

CMC, Kollegal has invited tender for outsourcing of Loaders / Helpers for the service of Solid waste Management. Interested eligible contractor can participate in the re-tender through e_procurement https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in with service indent No. DMA/2024-25/SE3376/CALL-2, Estimated Cost Rs. 57.55 Lakh. For more information and condition can obtained throught e_procurement portal **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.**

Sd/- **President** CMC, Kollegal
Sd/- **Municipal Commissioner** CMC, Kollegal
DIPR:CHANAGAR:258:2024-25

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)
(1) No.SEE/Tr(M)/BMAZ(N)/EE(O)/AE/F-82(15)/23-24/4435-37 Date:12.09.2024
(2) No.SEE/Tr(M)/BMAZ(N)/EE(O)/AE/F-98(5), 98(6), 98/7 & 82 (10)/23-24/4438-40 Date:12.09.2024

TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through KPPP mode only)

KPTCL invites Bid against enquiry **(1)** No. KPTCL/SEE/TR(M)/BMAZ(N)/Railway_crossing/EE(O)/AE/23-24/EPR-21/Call-4 Dated: 05.03.2024, for the work of **"Tender for Replacement of aged Railway crossing conductors with same capacity new conductor at various locations of railway crossing, coming under the jurisdiction of TLM Rajajinagar section, TLM sub-div Rajajinagar, TL&SS Dvn, KPTCL, SRS Peenya, Bengaluru-58 on total turnkey basis."** coming under jurisdiction of BMAZ North Circle, Bengaluru.
(2) For the work of **"Providing intermediate towers & replacement of towers to increase vertical clearance of existing 220kV & 66kV lines at various hazardous locations pertaining to TLM sub-division, KPTCL, Rajajinagar in TL&SS Division, SRS Peenya."** coming under jurisdiction of BMAZ North Circle, Bengaluru. The detailed notification regarding the subject tenders can be got by logging **on or after 17.09.2024** to **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyperlink 'E Procurement KPTCL' or to **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Superintending Engineer, Elecl.,
Tr (M), BMAZ, North Circle, KPTCL, Office Complex,
Ground Floor, A.R.Circle, Bengaluru-560 009

BATTLE OF THE GREATS

Maxwell eager and excited about the Kohli-Smith showdown

FILE PHOTO: VIJAY SONEJI

Australia all-rounder Glenn Maxwell is thrilled at the prospect of watching modern-day greats Virat Kohli and Steve Smith battle for supremacy in the Border-Gavaskar Trophy. "Seeing how their dominance I suppose is asserted on the series and how much of an influence that has on who takes home the Trophy," Maxwell said.

REAL TALK

Don't panic, keep your cool: Edulji's advice ahead of T20 WC

PTI

India needs to maintain composure under high-pressure situations to end its ICC trophy drought at next month's women's T20 World Cup, said former captain Diana Edulji. "Australia is a very professional side. We as a team need to get it into our mind that we have to play to win and they have to play out of their skins," Edulji told *PTI videos*.

SHOWING THE WAY

Be yourself always, each one of you has a rare skill: SKY tells India colts

X@BCCI

The India U-19 boys on Friday received invaluable cricketing lessons from Suryakumar Yadav, who exhorted the youngsters to embrace their unique skills, unite as a team, and focus more on the process. The 33-year-old interacted with the U-19 cricketers at the NCA ahead of their series against Australia beginning September 21.

NOT IDEAL

Trott and Stead disappointed as one-off Test gets abandoned

R.V. MOORTHY

Jonathan Trott and Gary Stead, head coach of Afghanistan and New Zealand, were disappointed that the Test was abandoned without a ball being bowled. "We were excited to play against New Zealand, but to have a Test at this time of the year is always tricky," said Trott. "It was frustrating for us," said Stead. **— Shayan Acharya**

India banks on Balaji and Ramkumar against Sweden

The pair put India in the driver's seat against Pakistan in the World Group play-off in Islamabad; the Swedes have dropped only two rubbers in five ties against the Indians over the years

DAVIS CUP

Sports Bureau
NEW DELHI

Kicking things off: Elias Ymer and Sriram Balaji will open the Davis Cup World Group tie between Sweden and India in Stockholm on Saturday. PATRICK BENGTSSON (SWEDISH TENNIS ASSOCIATION)

Olympian Sriram Balaji will open the campaign for India against the 238th ranked Elias Ymer in the Davis Cup World Group-1 tennis encounter against Sweden on the indoor hard courts at the Royal Tennis Hall in Stockholm on Saturday.

The Indian team opted to rely on Balaji and Ramkumar Ramanathan for the first day's play after they put India in the driver's seat on the way to the 4-0 victory against Pakistan in the World Group play-off earlier in Islamabad.

Captain Rohit Rajpal already hinted at repeating the players in singles and doubles, after watching the players in training. The team will depend on Balaji and Ramkumar to shoulder the doubles rubber against Filip Bergevi and Andre Goransson.

Ramkumar will play No. 2 Swede Leo Borg in the second singles on the opening day.

In the five ties over the years, Sweden has never lost to India. In fact, India has managed to win only two rubbers in all.

Depending on the results of the opening day, the captain will have the option of changing players for the reverse singles.

While the 28-year-old Ymer, ranked 238 at the moment, had a career-best rank of 105, Ramkumar also had enjoyed a career-best rank of 111 in 2018.

Borg reached a career-best rank of 334 before slipping to his current status of 603. The 21-year-old may be more familiar as the son of the legendary Bjorn Borg, but Leo himself has a strong foundation, having been ranked No. 12 in the world as a junior.

In front of the home fans, the Swedes are expected to be competing like tigers in the den, in the indoor arena.

The matches on the first day are scheduled to start from 5.30 p.m. IST, while the second day's play, which will feature the doubles followed by the two reverse singles matches, will start at 3.30 p.m.

Sony Sports will broadcast the matches live for the Indian audience.

The draw: September 14: Elias Ymer vs Sriram Balaji; Leo Borg vs Ramkumar Ramanathan.
September 15: Filip Bergevi & Andre Goransson vs Balaji & Ramkumar; Ymer vs Ramkumar, Borg vs Balaji.

Padikkal wages a lone battle, but India-A in control against India-D

DULEEP TROPHY

Abhishek Saini
ANANTAPUR

Devdutt Padikkal (92, 124b, 15x4) failed to find support in India-D's tame batting effort as the side ceded control to India-A on Friday in their second-round Duleep Trophy match at the Rural Development Trust Stadium.

Mayank Agarwal and Pratham Singh struck half-centuries and added 115 runs for the opening wicket before stumps, landing the final gut-punch on a morale-crushing second day for India-D. Shreyas Iyer closed the day with Mayank's wicket but the pair had already extended India-A's lead to 222, laying the platform to bat its opposition out of the contest.

Padikkal's spirited fight was the silver lining in the India-D innings that folded for 183 in less than two sessions.

Atharva Taide walked back when he shouldered arms to a Khaleel Ahmed delivery that nipped back to pin him lbw in the first over. Shreyas departed for a seven-ball duck when he chipped a length delivery to mid-on.

Padikkal, though, put the full variety of off-side drives on display – straight, cover and square – to eclipse Khaleel in the battle of the southpaws. He started by breaching the rope at long-off before moving squarer, through covers first and then point, for his next two boundaries off the left-arm seamer.

Wide array: Padikkal unfurled a range of strokes on both sides of the wicket. B. JOTHI RAMALINGAM

Yash Dubey entrusted his defence to get India-D out of choppy waters. But Aaqib Khan induced a faint outside edge, found only via the DRS, to trip the side's recovery.

Sanju Samson could not save the floundering innings either as his much-anticipated return lasted just six deliveries. Ricky Bhui's promise was broken when he was trapped leg-before by Khaleel on 23.

Padikkal persisted even as he lost partners, flaunting his on-side range too with his flicks off Khaleel.

It was his Karnataka teammate Prasidh Krishna who chinked Padikkal's armour, finding an angle from over the wicket that beat his drive and had him caught behind.

Harshit Rana's late fireworks, that included two sixes off Mulani, narrowed down India-D's deficit to 107.

The scores:

India-A — 1st innings: Pratham Singh c Arshdeep b Kaverappa 7, Mayank Agarwal c Samson b Kaverappa 7, Tilak Varma c Shreyas b Saransh 10, Riyan Parag c Padikkal b Arshdeep 37, Shashwat Rawat c Shreyas b Harshit 15, Kumar Kushagra c Dubey b Arshdeep 28, Shams Mulani c Taide b Harshit 89, Tanush Kotian c Arshdeep b Saurabh 53, Prasidh Krishna c (sub) b Harshit 8, Khaleel Ahmed (not out) 16, Aaqib Khan b Harshit 0; Extras (b-6, lb-10, nb-4): 20; Total (in 84.3 overs): 290.

Fall of wickets: 1-18, 2-21, 3-65, 4-69, 5-93, 6-144, 7-235, 8-251, 9-290.

India-D bowling: Harshit 17.3-4-51-4, Kaverappa 15-6-30-2, Arshdeep 18-3-73-2, Saransh 14-3-55-1, Saurabh 20-1-65-1.

India-D — 1st innings: Atharva Taide lbw Khaleel 4, Yash Dubey c Kushagra b Aaqib 14, Shreyas Iyer c Aaqib b Khaleel 0, Devdutt Padikkal c Kushagra b Prasidh 92, Sanju Samson c Prasidh b Aaqib 5, Ricky Bhui lbw b Khaleel 23, Saransh Jain lbw b Kotian 8, Saurabh Kumar c Rawat b Aaqib 1, Harshit Rana b Mulani 31, Arshdeep Singh run out 0, Vidwath Kaverappa (not out) 0; Extras (b-1, w-2): 3; Total (in 52.1 overs): 183.

Fall of wickets: 1-4, 2-6, 3-44, 4-52, 5-96, 6-122, 7-141, 8-154, 9-170.

India-A bowling: Khaleel 8-0-39-3, Prasidh 11-4-30-1, Aaqib 12-2-41-3, Kotian 12-5-22-1, Mulani 9.1-1-50-1.

India-A — 2nd innings: Pratham Singh (batting) 59, Mayank Agarwal c & b Shreyas 56; Total (for one wkt. in 28.1 overs): 115

Fall of wicket: 1-115.

India-D bowling: Harshit 3-0-12-0, Kaverappa, 3-0-18-0, Saurabh 11-1-46-0, Arshdeep 4-0-21-0, Saransh 7-1-18-0, Shreyas 0.1-0-0-1.

Indians start sweating it out for a long winter schedule

Sports Bureau
CHENNAI

Gameplan: Head coach Gautam Gambhir, chief selector Ajit Agarkar, Axar Patel and assistant coach Abhishek Nayar get into business ahead of the Bangladesh series. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

India began its preparation for the two-Test series against Bangladesh at the M.A. Chidambaram Stadium on Friday. The opening game begins here on September 19, kick-starting a gruelling winter schedule in the longest format for Rohit Sharma's men. In the next four months, India will play 10 matches against three opponents and look to seal its third straight World Test Championship final berth.

After the second Test against Bangladesh in Kanpur (Sept. 27 to Oct. 1), India will host New Zealand for a three-match series next month. In November, the team will travel to Australia for five Tests as it chases a hat-trick of series triumphs Down Under and retain the Border-Gavaskar Trophy it has held since 2017.

The entire squad, barring Sarfaraz Khan (busy in the Duleep Trophy), sweated it out in the middle for close to five hours under the watchful eyes of the coaching staff.

Newly appointed bowling coach and former South Africa pacer Morne Morkel had his first day at the office, keenly observing the session throughout the day.

In the morning session, Rohit, Virat Kohli, Yashasvi Jaiswal and Shubman Gill got going, batting on the practice pitches on either side of the main square.

Ravindra Jadeja and R. Ashwin then joined for a lengthy session with the willow after their bowling stints. Jasprit Bumrah and Mohammed Siraj, too, spent more than half an hour sharpening their batting skills.

There were almost a dozen net bowlers, including spinner Varun Chakravarthy. One of the training pitches was a black soil type with pronounced footmarks and the spinners operated primarily on this; the pacers bowled predominantly on the red soil surface at the other side of the square.

In the afternoon session, the second batch of K.L. Rahul, Dhruv Jurel, Rishabh Pant and Axar Patel joined the action while Morkel monitored pacers Yash Dayal and Akash Deep.

Bangladesh is travelling to India following a historic 2-0 sweep of Pakistan in the latter's backyard earlier this month, and will look to pose a stiff challenge to the hosts.

Jagadeesan and Abhimanyu give India-B a strong beginning

S. Prasanna Venkatesan
ANANTAPUR

It was as if Jagadeesan had locked up his imperious self from the last Ranji Trophy season, as he played a low-risk and supremely assured knock (67 batting, 126b, 8x4) and added 124 for an unbroken first-wicket stand with skipper Abhimanyu Easwaran (51 batting, 91b, 4x4, 1x6).

The partnership helped India-B mount a fightback in reply to India-C's mammoth 525 on day two of the second-round Duleep Trophy match at the Rural Development Trust (RDT) Stadium B-ground on Friday.

India-C was hampered, though, as its pace spearhead Sandeep Warrier walked off the field with an apparent injury.

Sandeep ran in to bowl the second ball of his second over and pulled up holding his left leg.

Jagadeesan hit a straight four off medium-pacer Anshul Kamboj and later pulled him for a four to deep backward square leg. He also pulled leg-spinner Mayank Markande for a four to the deep square leg boundary.

The most striking aspect of Jagadeesan's batting was the way he manoeuvred the ball for quick singles.

Standing tall: Manav applied himself well during his knock of 82. B. JOTHI RAMALINGAM

Easwaran hit a huge six to cow corner and paddle-swept to fine-leg for a four off left-arm spinner Manav Suthar. He pulled a short delivery off Kamboj for four to deep backward square-leg.

Earlier, India-C's Manav Suthar hung in for his 82 (156b, 11x4, 3x6). Anshul Kamboj played a cameo (38, 27b, 5x4, 2x6) to add 55 runs with him for the eighth wicket.

Manav hit two long-on sixes, one each off left-arm spinner Sai Kishore and leg-spinner Rahul Chahar. The one off Chahar was an on-the-charge out-of-the-ground hit that helped him move to 48.

Kamboj hit a straight six off Sai Kishore, and a ball later hit a six again off the same bowler out of the ground over long-on.

India-C skipper Ruturaj Gaikwad (58, 74b, 9x4, 2x6), who was unbeaten on 46 overnight, brought up his fifty with a crackling cover-drive for four off pacer Navdeep Saini on the first over of the day.

But he was soon beaten on the outside edge to be bowled by Mukesh with a delivery that hit the top of off-stump. Mukesh and Chahar finished with four wickets each.

The scores:

India-C — 1st innings: Ruturaj Gaikwad b Mukesh 58, Sai Sudharsan c Saini b Mukesh 43, Rajat Patidar b Saini 40, Ishan Kishan b Mukesh 111, B. Indrajith b Chahar 78, Abishek Porel lbw b Mukesh 12, Manav Suthar b Chahar 82, Mayank Markande b Nitish 17, Anshul Kamboj b Chahar 38, Vijaykumar Vyshak c Easwaran b Chahar 12, Sandeep Warrier (not out) 11; Extras (b-4, lb-7, w-7, nb-5): 23; Total (in 124.1 overs): 525.

Fall of wickets: 1-96, 2-97, 3-286, 4-311, 5-345, 6-382, 7-406, 8-461, 9-489.

India-B bowling: Mukesh 32-4-126-4, Saini 23-3-101-1, Washington 18-1-67-0, Nitish 17-2-69-1, Sai Kishore 18-2-78-0, Rahul Chahar 16.1-2-73-4.

India-B — 1st innings: Abhimanyu Easwaran (batting) 51, N. Jagadeesan (batting) 67; Extras (b-4, lb-1, nb-1): 6; Total (for no loss in 36 overs): 124.

India-C bowling: Warrier 1.1-0-8-0, Vyshak 10-2-29-0, Kamboj 8.5-2-30-0, Markande 6-0-18-0, Suthar 10-0-34-0.

Indian teams continue to run hot

Sports Bureau

The Indian men and women made it three out of three at the Chess Olympiad in Budapest on Friday. In the third round, the men defeated host Hungary-B 3.5-0.5 while the women beat Switzerland 3-1.

D. Harika's defeat was the first for an Indian in this edition. She was beaten on the top board by Alexandra Kosteniuk, who used to represent Russia.

All the other Indian women won as the team justified its billing as the top seed. On the second board, R. Vaishali beat Ghazal Hakimifard while Divya Deshmukh defeated Sofiia Hryzlova on the third. Vantika Agrawal overcame Mariia Manko on the fourth.

In the open section, India's 100% record was broken by the second team of the host nation. After winning all its eight games on the first two days, the second seed was forced to drop half-a-point as Vidit Gujrathi was held to a draw on the fourth board by Gabor Papp, rated 170 Elo points below.

But, the trio of D. Gukesh, R. Praggnanandhaa and Arjun Erigaisi prevailed over Adam Kozak, Tamas Banusz and Peter Prohaszka respectively.

INBRIEF

Chelsea striker Jackson signs a new contract

Chelsea's Senegal striker Nicolas Jackson signed a two-year contract extension on Friday that will keep him at Stamford Bridge until 2033. Jackson has scored two goals in four appearances this season as he looks to bounce back from a disappointing first season with the Blues after joining from Villarreal in 2023.

Tanisha-Dhruv pair enters Vietnam Open semifinals

India's mixed doubles pair of Tanisha Crasto and Dhruv Kapila progressed to the semifinals of the Vietnam Open with a thrilling win in the Super 100 badminton tournament on Friday. Seeded sixth, Dhruv and Tanisha eked out a come-from-behind 14-21, 21-10, 21-14 win over top-seeded fellow Indians Sathish Kumar Karunakaran and Aadya Variyath in the quarterfinals. In men's singles, Tharun Mannepalli went down 13-21, 13-21 against Japan's Shogo Ogawa in the quarterfinals.

Karnataka sub-junior boys make the summit clash

Host Karnataka entered the sub-junior boys' National Football Championship tier-1 final after beating Delhi 5-3 at the Bangalore Football Stadium in Bengaluru on Friday.

The result: Karnataka 5 (Aayush Kothari 33, 44, Arvidrian Samwanki Lato 58, 73, C.H. Sakip 65) bt Delhi 3 (Hutho Millo 34, Macdonnish Ngairangbam 80, 84).

Sparsh stars for The Sports School

Sparsh's five-wicket haul (5/27) helped The Sports School defeat Presidency School, RT Nagar by 58 runs to enter the final of the K.M. Ramprasad Shield U-16 second division tournament. In the summit clash, Sports School will meet Poorna Vikasa Vidyalaya which thrashed Carmel HS B-79 by 306 runs.

The scores (semifinals): The Sports School 236 in 49.3 overs (Devanjan Sarkar 26, Athreya Bhat 67, M. Tanshh Krishna 28) bt Presidency School, RT Nagar 178 in 49.2 overs (Niranjan Ashok 44, A. Mohammed Raheel 31, Mohammed Shamsheer 36, Sparsh 5/27).
Poorna Vikasa Vidyalaya 395/8 in 50 overs (S. Adhithyan 102, Dhyaan Mahesh Hiremath 73, N.S. Shaurya 81, Atharv S. Deshpande 27, Hrishi 26 n.o., Mandar Pai 42) bt Carmel HS B–79 89 in 45 overs (G.S. Monish Gowda 26).

Shlok HC posts win in KSHA DS Murthy Memorial event

Shlok HC edged out 5C Sports Club 3-2 in the KSHA DS Murthy Memorial hockey tournament here on Friday. In another match, RWFSA and Rising Star HC played out a 3-3 draw.

Anwar gets a reprieve after Delhi HC quashes PSC order

India defender Anwar Ali was handed partial relief regarding his transfer to East Bengal as the Delhi High Court stayed the order of AIFF's Player Status Committee, on Friday. The PSC had found Anwar guilty of unilaterally breaching his four-year loan contract with Mohun Bagan Super Giant and had banned the player for four months along with a fine of ₹12.90 crore. The two clubs Anwar is currently associated with, Delhi FC (previous parent club) and East Bengal (present club), were also given two window bans. The High Court, hearing the case under Justice Sanjeev Narula, questioned the AIFF's lawyer over the lack of reasons behind the ruling, following which the counsel said that the order would be withdrawn.

– Neeladri Bhattacharjee

LIVE TELECAST

Duleep Trophy: Sports 18-3 (SD & HD) & JioCinema, 9.30 a.m.

Tennis: Davis Cup (Group stage, final), Sony Sports Ten 2 (SD & HD) & LIV, 11 a.m. onwards

Hockey: Asian Champions Trophy, Sony Sports Ten 1 (SD & HD) & LIV, 11 a.m. onwards.

ISL: Sports 18-3 (SD & HD) & JioCinema, 5 & 7.30 p.m.

Premier League: SS Select 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 5, 7.30 & 10 p.m.

Formula One: Azerbaijan GP (Qualifying), F1 TV, F1 TV Pro App & FanCode, 5.30 p.m.

LaLiga: gxr.world, 5.30, 7.45, 10 p.m. & 12.30 a.m. (Sunday)

Serie A: gxr.world, 6.30, 9.30 p.m. & 12.15 a.m. (Sunday)

Bundesliga: Sony Sports Ten 2 (SD & HD) & LIV, 7 & 10 p.m.

Upbeat India has the edge over Pakistan

Harmanpreet's team, with convincing wins in all its matches in the tournament, has had the better of its neighbour in the recent past

ACT

Press Trust of India
HULUNBUIR (CHINA)

A semifinal berth already secured, unbeaten India will look to continue its winning run and supremacy over arch-rival Pakistan in its last round-robin match of the Hero Asian Champions Trophy here on Saturday.

With four wins out of as many games, defending champions India is leading the points table, followed closely by Pakistan which has two wins and two draws.

Going by recent results, India enjoys an upper-hand over its neighbour. In their last meeting at the Hangzhou Asian Games last year, India thrashed Pakistan 10-2. A few months before that, the Indians had beaten Pakistan 4-0 when the ACT was held in Chennai.

Excited

India captain Harmanpreet Singh, continuing his good form from Paris, is excited to resume the rivalry against Pakistan.

Wary: India skipper Harmanpreet says his team won't take Pakistan lightly in spite of the recent domination. GETTY IMAGES

"I have been playing with some of the players in the Pakistan team since my junior days and we share a special bond with them. They are like my brothers.

"Of course, on the field, we will go about the match like we would against any other opponent and make sure we keep our emotions in check," he said.

"In world hockey, the rivalry the two teams share is unparalleled and I am sure fans across the globe will be waiting for an India-Pakistan match."

Though India enjoys an edge over Pakistan, Harmanpreet is least bothered about past results.

"Past results will not matter when we take on a team like Pakistan. They are a tough side and have the potential to bounce back at any stage in the game," he said.

Pakistan's skipper Ammad Butt is also confident and said his side has improved with each passing game.

"The previous few games, we have defended very well against our opponents and against India too, we would want to defend well particularly in penalty corner defence," he added.

India dominates South Asian junior meet

ATHLETICS

Sports Bureau
CHENNAI

As expected, India dominated the South Asian junior athletics meet which concluded here on Friday, bagging a total of 48 medals (21 gold, 22 silver and five bronze medals). Sri Lanka finished second with nine gold, nine silver and 17 bronze. Bangladesh came third with three bronze medals.

In the men's 4x100m relay on Friday, Sri Lanka's 100m men's champion W. Merone Julian anchored the team to victory with a meet record of 40.28 seconds.

The previous record was 41.27 seconds which was set in 2007 by Sri Lanka.

The results:

Men: 200m: R. Indusara Vidushan (SL) 21.33s (NMR) (OR: H. Eashan, 21.44, Ranchi, '13), 2. Pratik Maharana (Ind) 21.41, 3. Pratik Maharana (SL) 21.44; **1500m:** 1. Priyanshu (Ind) 3:53.22s, 2. Rahul Saranaliya (Ind) 3:53.64, 3. T. W. M. Prashan Buddika (SL) 4:03.79; **high jump:** 1. G. Lesandu Arthavidu (SL) 2.17m (NMR) (OR: S. Mohan, 2.06, Ranchi, '13), 2. A. T. Dinushan Mendis (SL) 2.10, 3. Juwel Thomas (Ind) 2.04; **javelin throw:** 1. Rohan Yadav (Ind) 69.22, 2. Dipanshu Sharma (Ind) 68.85, 3. U.G.B. Dilhara (SL) 62.22. **Triple jump:** 1. D. M. H. Kavinda (SL) 15.09m, 2. M. D. S. Hansaka (SL) 14.92, 3. Md. Tamim Hossan (Ban) 14.75. **4x400m relay:** 1. Sri Lanka (U. Nethsara, G. W. Jathya Kirulu, J. Shashintha Silva, S. Rajakaruna) 3:09.27s, 2. India-B (P. Abiram, Vinod Kumar Banoth, Ankul, Jay Kumar) 3:11.14, 3. Bangladesh-A (B. Sheikh, Md. Hafizur Rahman, M. AL Sobur, MD. Aslam Sikder) 3:21.50. **4x100m relay:** 1. Sri Lanka-D (W. M. Koushan, R. Vidushan, W. Dineth Induwara, W. Merone Julian) 40.28s (NMR) (OR: Sri Lanka, 41.27, Colombo, '07), 2. India-B (Prathik Maharana, Mahendra Santa, S. Karthikeyan, D. Mrutyam) 40.76, 3. Maldives (Hussain Zeek Suad, M Zu Iz Suad, I. Nizaar, M. Shamin) 41.98; **Women: 200m:** 1. Unnathi Aiyappa (Ind) 23.91 (NMR) (OR: A. Suseendran, 24.32, Ranchi, '13), 2. Nancy (Ind) 24.11, 3. Neeru Pathak (Ind) 24.91. **Triple jump:** 1. Rishika Awasthi (Ind) 12.76 (NMR) (OR: Priyadarshini Suresh, 12.69, Colombo, '18), 2. M. Dilki Nehara (SL) 12.32, 3. Anisha Tharu (Nep) No Mark. **Javelin throw:** 1. Deepika (Ind) 54.98m (NMR) (OR: Sanjana Choudhary, 48.08m, Colombo, '18), 2. Poonam (Ind) 51.21, 3. W. G. Nisansala (SL) 35.02. **Shot put:** 1. Tamanna (Ind) 14.43m, 2. Pooja Kumari (Ind) 14.02, 3. H. Isali Malkethmi (SL) 10.68; **1500m:** 1. Vineeta Gurjar (Ind) 4:33.63, 2. Laxita Vinod Sandilea (Ind) 4:37.61, 3. T.K.G.H. Dulanji (SL) 4:39.01. **4x400m relay:** 1. India-B (S. Sachin Sangle, Sandra Mol Sabu, Kanista Teena, Neeru Pahtak) 3:44.35s, 2. Sri Lanka-C (A. Wijethunga, G. Sashini Bhagya, D. Pravindi, K. Takshima) 3:49.99, 3. Bangladesh-A (Nusrat Jahan Runa, M. S. T. Azmi Khtun, M. S. T. Sumaiya Akter (3:57.37. **4x100m relay:** 1. India-B (Nancy, Abinaya Rajarajan, N. Cornelo, V. Sudheeksha) 45.08s (NMR) (OR: Sri Lanka, 46.23, Colombo, '18), 2. Sri Lanka-C (H. Sithmini Ranasgal, P. Ransini Perera, K. Dhanani Rashma, S. Shanella Anne) 46.48, 3. Maldives-D (Hawwa Muznaa Faiz, Ziva Moosa Shafeeu, Ahnaa Nizaar, Mariyam Ru Ya Ali) 48.04.

Rohan Yadav won the men's javelin throw. R. RAVINDRAN

Mumbai City turns it around in second half, holds Mohun Bagan in opener

ISL

Amitabha Das Sharma
KOLKATA

Mumbai City FC made a spectacular comeback in the second half as it erased a two-goal deficit to hold host Mohun Bagan Super Giant 2-2 in the opening match of the Indian Super League 11th season at the Salt Lake Stadium here on Friday.

Bagan enjoyed a charmed life in the opening session and came up with the goods while MCFC put up the toil in vain. The visitor got the ball in the net in the fourth minute just to see the scorer, Bipin Singh, being ruled offside.

On the other hand, a counter offensive by Bagan in the ninth minute produced the result as MCFC's defence failed to check Liston Colaco's inward run and ended up conceding as its defender Tiri scored an own-goal.

High-octane: MCFC looked down and out when Rodriguez scored, but made a terrific comeback after the break. DEBASISH BHADURI

Bagan doubled the lead in the 28th minute when Alberto Rodriguez found the target following a corner.

The script was completely altered after the change of ends as Mumbai City succeeded in neutralising the host's advantage. Tiri redeemed his first-half error by reducing the margin in the 70th before substitute Thaer Krouma fetched the equaliser in the last minute of the regulation time.

This brought back memories of the Durand Cup final played barely two weeks ago, where MBSG conceded a two-goal advantage in the opening half and eventually lost the match against NorthEast United FC, which equalised after the break before winning the contest in penalty shootouts.

The result:

Mohun Bagan Super Giant 2 (Tiri 9-og, Alberto Rodriguez 28) drew with Mumbai City FC 2 (Tiri 70, Taher Krouma 90).

Saturday's matches:

Odisha FC vs. Chennaiyin FC; Bengaluru FC vs. East Bengal FC.

Reigning supreme: The victorious Karnataka squad.
SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Karnataka swimmers' domination continues

NATIONAL AQUATICS

Sports Bureau

Karnataka retained the overall championship as the 77th senior National aquatic championships drew to a close in Mangaluru on Friday. The State's Aneesh S. Gowda and Hashika Ramachandra were declared the best swimmers in the men's and women's categories respectively.

Karnataka men's team rewrote the 4x100m freestyle relay record by clocking 3:28.09s, a narrow 0.07s better than its own mark from 2023.

Railway Sports Promotion Board created a new record in the 4x100m freestyle women's relay, coming home in 4:01.83s to erase Maharashtra's previous best of 4:02.24s from 2023.

The results (winners all): Men: 200m freestyle: Aneesh S. Gowda (Kar) 1:52.09s; **200m backstroke:** Nithik Nathella (TN) 2:03.47; **100m breaststroke:** Vidith S. Shankar (Kar) 1:02.75; **100m butterfly:** Mihir Ambre (Mah) 53.68; **400m medley:** Yug Chelani (Raj) 4:36.39; **4x100m freestyle:** Karnataka 3:28.09 (NMR; OR: 3:28.16, Karnataka, 2023).
Women: 200m freestyle: Hashika Ramachandra (Kar) 2:06.49; **200m backstroke:** Soubrity Mondal (Ben) 2:21.76; **100m breaststroke:** Harshitha Jayaram (RSPB) 1:14.16; **100m butterfly:** Ashta Choudhury (RSPB) 1:03.87. **400m medley:** Thanya Shadakshari (Kar) 5:08.10; **4x100m freestyle:** RSPB 4:01.83 (NMR; OR: 4:02.24, Maharashtra, 2023).
Special awards: Best swimmer: Men: Aneesh Gowda (Kar); **women:** Hashika Ramachandra (Kar).
Team championships: Men: Karnataka (156 points); **women:** Karnataka (118); **overall champion:** Karnataka (274).

BFC will look to begin campaign on right note

Ashwin Achal
BENGALURU

After a disastrous 2023-24 campaign, Bengaluru FC (BFC) will look to start this ISL season with a clean slate against East Bengal here on Saturday.

In the previous edition, BFC suffered its worst ever ISL performance, with just 22 points from 22 matches.

Lack of goals proved to be a big drawback, and the outfit was unable to win a single away fixture.

Head Coach Gerard Zaragoza will hope that the six new signings – Spanish attacker Edgar Mendez, Rahul Bheke, Lalthuammawia Ralte, midfielder Alberto Noguera, Argentine striker Jorge Pereyra Diaz and former Punjab FC left-back Mohamed Salah – count for adequate reinforcement.

There is particularly high expectations from Mendez, who has featured extensively in the Spanish LaLiga. Bheke, who makes his return to the club, is tasked with providing leadership on the field.

Zaragoza and Bheke.
K. MURALI KUMAR

East Bengal will be desperate to reverse its dismal record in the ISL. New arrivals – last season's highest goal-scorer scorer Dimitrios Diamantakos and the top assist provider Madih Talal – could force a turnaround. Defensive midfielder Jeakson Singh, who moved from KBFC, is another notable addition.

EBFC Head Coach Carles Cuadrat returns to the Sree Kanteerava Stadium, a venue he once called home during his five-year coaching stint with BFC.

La Mcqueen wins F.K. Irani Memorial Million

MYSURU: Mr. Ganesan Subramanian's La Mcqueen (Antony up) won the F.K. Irani Memorial Million, the feature event of the races held here on Friday (Sept 13). The winner is trained by Arjun Mangalorkar. Antony won three races on the day.

THE RESULTS:

1. PADDOCK PLATE: POLAR WIND (L.A. Rozario) 1, Davids Delight (K. Mukesh Kumar) 2, Eco System (Sai Kiran) 3 and Vardaan (Antony) 4. 1/2, 1/2 and 1. 1m, 38.97s. ₹67 (w), 20, 14 and 14 (p), SHP: 43, THP: 47, FP: 302, Q: 94, Trinella: 1,259, Exacta: 4,899. Favourite: Vardaan.
Owner: Mr. B. Vijay. Trainer: C.D. Monnappa.

2. TALAKADU PLATE: O MANCHALI (Antony) 1, Natural One (G. Vivek) 2, N R I Touch (A. Bandaal) 3 and Red Hills (Md. Sameer) 4. Not run: Natural Gold and D Lord. 2-3/4, Snk and Nk. 1m, 24.41s. ₹17 (w), 10, 13 and 35 (p), SHP: 29, THP: 116, FP: 27, Q: 14, Trinella: 534, Exacta: 60,118 (carried over). Favourite: O Manchali.
Owners: M/s. Rakesh, Mr. Ujash Mahendra Patel, Mr. Girish Dharmu Tekchandani & Mr. N. Swaroop Kumar. Trainer: Rakesh.

3. JOG FALLS PLATE: CONFIDENT GAME (K. Mukesh Kumar) 1, Aurele (Antony) 2, Forest View (L.A. Rozario) 3 and D Don King (S. Imran) 4. 2-3/4, 1-1/2 and 6-1/2. 1m, 38.56s. ₹16 (w), 10, 13 and 14 (p), SHP: 28, THP: 25, FP: 63, Q: 40, Trinella: 74, Exacta: 381. Favourite: Confident Game.
Owner: Mr. Sunil Santhosh Serrao. Trainer: R. Hellal Moses.

4. POLICE TROPHY: JERSEY KING (Suraj) 1, Indian Blues (Kiran Rai) 2, The Flying Feet (S. Imran) 3 and Cloudy Hills (L.A. Rozario) 4. 4-1/2, 1-3/4 and 4-1/4. 1m, 10.36s. ₹12 (w), 10, 12 and 25 (p), SHP: 16, THP: 56, FP: 24, Q: 15, Trinella: 148, Exacta: 601. Favourite: Jersey King.
Owners: M/s. Ananth Iyengar, Mr. Vikram Sreeram, Mr. Shankar Srinivas & Mr. Ashok Ranpise. Trainer: S. Dominic.

5. F.K. IRANI MEMORIAL MILLION: LA MCQUEEN (Antony) 1, Hand Of God (Sai Kiran) 2, Phoenomenon (Akshay K) 3 and N R I Ace (Angad) 4. Not run: Lockheed. Hd, 2-1/2 and Nk. 1m, 10.76s. ₹86 (w), 36 and 40 (p), SHP: 189, THP: 32, FP: 1,447, Q: 884, Trinella: 4,802. Exacta: 21,024 (carried over). Favourite: Rodney.
Owner: Mr. Ganesan Subramanian. Trainer: Arjun Mangalorkar.

6. M.W. CHINNAPPA MEMORIAL TROPHY: CZAR (Antony) 1, Brave Trooper (Abhishek Mhatre) 2, Segera (Angad) 3 and Seolfor Bullet (Dhanu S) 4. 1-1/2, 3/4 and Lnk. 1m, 10.77s. ₹15 (w), 10, 11 and 18 (p), SHP: 30, THP: 26, FP: 30, Q: 47, Trinella: 260, Exacta: 887. Favourite: Czar.
Owners: Rapar`s Galloping Stars LLP rep by Mr. Rajendran & M/s. Blazing Saddles(PF). Trainer: Arjun Mangalorkar.

7. YELAHANKA PLATE: SILVER SPRING (Aman) 1, Hasting Sunrise (G. Umesh) 2, Spiritual Force (K. Mukesh Kumar) 3 and Tower Quest (Kiran Rai) 4. 8-3/4, 3/4 and Snk. 1m, 04.71s. ₹16 (w), 10, 33 and 18 (p), SHP: 110, THP: 41, FP: 354, Q: 267, Trinella: 2,692, Exacta: 27,526. Favourite: Silver Spring.
Owner: Mr. Raja Malhotra. Trainer: Vinesh Naik.
Jackpot: ₹377 (20 tkts.); Runner-up: 82 (39 tkts.); Mini Jkt: 252 (three tkts.); Treble (i): 217 (20 tkts.); (ii): 1,012 (one tkt).

Trophy Tour

One to cherish: Young women cricketers pose for a photograph with the ICC Women's T20 World Cup trophy at the Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai. EMMANUAL YOGINI